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## Cohesive response to snow storm brings APG back to normal

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**  
APG News

In the hours and days leading up to and following a major winter storm, personnel from across the installation work around the clock to ensure the safety of Team APG, whether it is clearing roadways, responding to stranded vehicles or disseminating the latest updates.

During the most recent snow storm, commonly known as Winter Storm Jonas, nearly 300 employees from garrison directorate and contract companies worked tirelessly Jan. 22-25 to clear roadways, communicate updates to the public and ensure the security of the installation.

"I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our DPW employee's and our emergency support teams for their commitment to keeping us safe here on the installation during Winter Storm Jonas," said APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford.

"They serve this community every day with quiet dedication and worked vigorously to clear roads and ensure APG's infrastructure services were

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Photo by Courtney Gilbert

LEGO Rebellion Freedom Fighters team members celebrate their teammates' success during the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League competition at APG, Jan. 30. Seventeen teams competed at the event hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, and the top four teams will compete at the FLL state championship March 5.

## Students compete for victory

### ATEC hosts fifth annual FIRST Lego League competition

By **LINDSEY MONGER**  
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command hosted the fifth annual FIRST Lego League robotics competition at ATEC headquarters on APG North (Aberdeen), Jan. 30.

Seventeen teams competed for the top four positions to advance to the FLL state championship at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) March 5.

ATEC and Team APG partnered with UMBC and For Inspiration and Recognition

of Science and Technology (FIRST) to organize the event.

FIRST has several competitions, including the Junior FIRST Lego League for younger students, the FIRST Tech Challenge, and the FIRST Robotics Competition for high school aged students.

FLL is a robotics program and competition for 6- to 14-year-old students designed to excite them about science and technology and to teach them valuable career, employment and life skills. This year's competition at ATEC consisted of students ranging from

9- to 14-years-old.

"This is a great opportunity for students to build on their science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills, while continuing to have fun," said Christina Bryant, ATEC's recruitment and outreach program manager.

ATEC Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, opened the competition by welcoming students and wishing them luck throughout the day.

Karbler also encouraged the students to

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## 1st AML receives Superior Unit award

20th CBRNE Command

The 1st Area Medical Laboratory received the Army Superior Unit Streamer Award for Operation United Assistance during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Jan. 29.

The award honors the 1st AML and its Soldiers for their actions during Operation United Assistance in Liberia, the U.S. effort to contain the most deadly Ebola virus outbreak in history, from Oct. 2014 to March 2015.

The 1st AML was part of Task Force Scientist, and during their deployment, the unit's Soldiers served with U.S. Naval Medicine Research Center personnel, testing Ebola samples at six mobile laboratories and providing same day results to health care providers.

"This award recognizes the success of the Soldiers of 1st AML, who deployed to Liberia and saved countless lives and helped stop the spread of Ebola," said 1st AML Commander Col. Laura Elliott.

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Maj. Michael Backlund places the newly awarded Army Superior Unit Streamer Award on the 1st Area Medical Laboratory guidon during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Jan. 29. The award recognized the unit's actions in Liberia from Oct. 2014 to March 2015, during Operation United Assistance, the U.S. response to the most deadly Ebola virus outbreak in history.

Photo by Maj. Ryan Donald



## Team APG hosts collaborative Cyber Day



Ron Pontius, deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Cyber Command, and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford share a laugh during introductions at the Team APG Cyber Day, Jan. 27.

Story and photos by **GREG MAHALL**  
CECOM

Elements of Aberdeen Proving Ground played host to various federal, state, and local officials, as well as industry partners, Jan. 27, during a wide-ranging event designed to provide context and awareness of the APG community's role in support and innovation for the ongoing and evolving cyber force.

The event was hosted by Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) and APG Senior Commander.

"Today is not an end but a beginning," Crawford said, while welcoming attendees to APG. "I want folks to walk away today knowing what Team APG does for cyber --- for Army cyber, Joint Forces cyber, and for the country as a whole as it pertains to cyber."

APG members from around the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Center of Excellence included CECOM; the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC); the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL); the Program Executive Office - Command,

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# STREET TALK

## What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl?

The very beginning kick-off, because there's all this anticipation about what type of game it's going to be. If you're going to a party there's all the anticipation about what kind of food they will have [and] who's going to be there. All the excitement that's built up over the last couple of weeks is in the kick-off."



**Maj. Elizabeth Oates**  
DENTAC

"Well I like the game, but the commercials are kind of funny too. You get a little laugh in. The halftime shows are usually overrated to some degree."



**Roy Kelly**  
AMSAA

"The ads and halftime. I'm not big into sports, but I like the entertainment they provide."



**Chief Warrant Officer 4 Douglas Walters**  
LRC

"The gathering of friends and family. It's also right around my birthday, so we get to celebrate both."



**Vergie Johnson**  
Military retiree

"The commercials. They invest a lot into it, so I want to see what's new."



**Staff Sgt. Jose George**  
CERDEC

# Salt from snow storms may end up in water supply

Directorate of Public Works

During significant snow and ice storms local road departments, commercial parking lot owners and homeowners use salts to melt snow and ice in order to maintain roads and other surfaces for safe traction. As the snow melts or when it rains or snows, salt can eventually make its way to nearby rivers and streams through runoff.

In some cases, these rivers and streams may also be the source for drinking water supplies. When this occurs, it can increase the levels of sodium and chloride in the source water. If the concentration of these minerals in drinking water is high enough, customers may experience a salty taste to the water.

The APG South (Edgewood) Van Bibber water treatment plant treats the source water to ensure a safe drinking water supply. However, the routine treatment does not fully remove sodium and chlorides that may be in the source water. Sodium in finished drinking water is not a health concern for most people, but may be an issue for someone suffering from hypertension (high blood pressure), congestive heart failure, or any other medical conditions requiring a low-sodium diet.

If the sodium concentration in drinking water is 20 mg/L, drinking up to two liters of water per day will add 40 mg of sodium to one's diet, equivalent to about two percent of a teaspoon of salt. For healthy adults, this sodium level in drinking water does not pose a risk. Even for individuals on sodium-restricted diets of 500 mg of sodium per day, two liters of water would only account for eight percent of their daily allotment of sodium.

For most individuals, the sodium intake from water does not pose a health concern, because a much greater intake of sodium takes place from salt in the diet. However, increased sodium levels in drinking water may be of concern to individuals on a sodium restricted diet. Customers with health questions are encouraged to contact their family physicians.

Currently there are no standards for sodium or chloride under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. However, APG's drinking water continues to meet all health based primary drinking water standards. Individuals on a sodium-restricted diet, experiencing severe hypertension, or congestive heart failure, should consult their physician about the concentration of sodium in the local drinking water. Physicians may recommend drinking sodium-free bottled water.

For more information or questions about APG water quality, call the APG Water Team at 410-436-3808.



## IMCOM Voluntary Placement Program

Installation Management Command

IMCOM's Voluntary Placement Program is a career-broadening opportunity for permanent, appropriated fund (GS-9 and above and wage grade equivalents) employees. The program gives first consideration to internal employees wishing to move overseas or return to the continental United States from an overseas position.

At this time, the program does not include opportunities for CONUS to CONUS or OCONUS to OCONUS movement, and does not extend to non-appropriated fund (NAF) employees due to regulatory requirements.

Employees may apply for multiple positions, but are limited to using a single resume during any given week. In accordance with DOD PPP policy, valid job offers made under the IVPP will be considered legitimate for IMCOM OCONUS employees registered in PPP. Declining a valid IVPP job offer may result in removal from PPP and may subject the employee to adverse action. OCONUS PPP registrants should submit resumes only for positions they are prepared to accept.

Current overseas job vacancies can be found on Army

Knowledge Online by visiting <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/697591>.

For more information, contact the IMCOM IVAPP team at [usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.voluntary-placement-program@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.voluntary-placement-program@mail.mil).

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INSTALLATION WATCH CARD

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# ChalleNGe Academy inducts cadets

Story and photos by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

The Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy (FCA), inducted 109 cadets into Class #46 during a crossover ceremony at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Jan. 23.

During the ceremony, the cadets pledged the FCA Honor Code, and vowed to live honestly and become positive representatives of the academy.

Administered by the Maryland National Guard, the National Guard Bureau and the State of Maryland, FCA offers Maryland teens who have withdrawn from high school a second chance at an education. Participation in the program is voluntary.

The crossover ceremony culminates the two-week indoctrination period, known as the acclimation phase when the teens, ages 16-18, adjust to a military lifestyle. This includes daily 5 a.m. wake-up calls for physical training, learning marching drills and eating group meals in a dining facility. If successful, the candidates are officially accepted into the program.

During the ceremony, cadets were introduced to the instructors, case managers and administrative staff who will assist them during the five-month residential phase.

FCA Director Charles Rose told the cadets that it was up to them to make the most of their time in the program. Core military values like discipline, respect and leadership are emphasized at FCA, he said.

"Today is like a promotion of sorts," he said. "You have earned the ability to transition into something that you really want to be."

Rose challenged cadets to make themselves, and their parents, proud and noted that privileges to participate in special activities, like intermural sports, the Student Government Association and vocational training must be earned.

"If you commit yourself to the program the way you are supposed to, if you dedicate yourself to getting the



(Left) The cadets of Class #46 raise their hands, affirming their intentions to graduate from the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, during a crossover ceremony at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Jan. 23.

(Below) Cadet Samuel Fapohunda, front row right, and fellow cadets recite the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Honor Code, pledging to live honestly as positive representatives of the academy during a crossover ceremony which officially welcomed cadets into the program.

work done, your homework and community service, I promise you will accomplish something very special," he said. "I promise you it will change your lives."

After the cadets were officially inducted into the program, they received two pins to wear on their Battle Dress Uniforms.

Cadet Dasher Weathersbee, from Harford County, said it felt good to pass the acclimation phase. She said her long-term goal is to join the military, then become a pediatrician.

"When I first came here it was really difficult, I wanted to go home," she said. "You are not used to this type of environment, but once you pass the first two weeks, it is kind of relief."

Cadet Seth Ranone, from Allegany County, said he was grateful for the second chance at an education and that he hopes to pass the GED tests, and eventually become a mechanic.

"I feel confident that I am going to finish the program," he said.

The day after the crossover ceremony the cadets begin classes. Cadets are taught eight core components (academic excellence, leadership/followership, health and hygiene, service to the com-



munity, life coping skills, job skills, responsible citizenship and physical fitness) and must pass each component in order to graduate.

At the end of the cycle, cadets are eligible to take the GED. Younger cadets are encouraged to return to their previous schools.

During the post-residential phase, the cadets work closely with men-

tors in the community that encourage them to be productive citizens by continuing their education, entering the military or obtaining employment.

Nationally, more than 150,000 youth have benefited from the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program since it began in 1993. For more information about the FCA program, visit <http://freestatemil.maryland.gov/>.

## Tell them you saw it in the APG News

# Senior leaders zero in on energy program

Story and photo by **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

APG senior leaders gathered at Top of the Bay, Jan. 29, to learn about the installation's Net Zero energy program and potential strategies for reducing energy consumption from the garrison's Directorate of Public Works.



DPW Energy Management Specialist Devon Rock explained that the goal of the nationwide Army Net Zero program is for every installation to produce only as much renewable energy on site as it uses over the course of a year. APG has been selected by Installation Management Command as a Net Zero water pilot program, but Rock said the installation is working to reduce consumption in all three, targeted areas: water, waste and energy.

According to Rock, reducing energy consumption will mean more sustainable Army installations with renewable sources of energy, reduced utility bills, and more effective forward operating bases. She encouraged senior leaders to consider what their organizations could do to better support the energy program.

"This is not my energy program; this is not the garrison's energy program. This program is a collective effort of APG as a whole. For this program to be successful we need full participation from Team APG," she said.

So far, the APG energy program's top three energy-saving initiatives are the combined heat and power plant on APG South (Edgewood), energy saving performance contracting, and Building Operations Command Center that handles facility HVAC monitoring and assists the energy manager with the metering program.

Dan Hewitt, technical point of contact for the metering contract, said any building on post that is more than 29,000



Garrison Energy Management Specialist Devon Rock discusses strategies for reducing the installation's energy consumption with APG senior leaders, as part of the Army Net Zero program, during at gathering at Top of the Bay on APG North (Aberdeen), Jan. 29.

square feet or contains a certain dollar amount of renovation is metered.

"We're not controlling anything with our meters, however we are seeing the energy usage and we can try to go after solutions," Hewitt said. "So if you have a spike in electrical usage in a building, you can ask, 'What's going on here? Is there something we can optimize to minimize cost [and] energy usage?'"

Last fiscal year alone, APG spent more than \$50 million in utility costs, making the installation the 7th highest energy consumer within IMCOM. Rock said current initiatives like the meter-

ing program help collect the data that informs the energy reduction plan mandated by Net Zero.

"The Army's mission is not to heat and cool buildings and keep the lights on," Rock said. "The mission is to support the Warfighters via our tenant activity missions. Every dollar APG can save on utilities is an extra dollar saved for the broader Army mission."

At the end of the presentation, Rock opened the floor for questions and comments from senior leadership. Discussion revolved around potential roadblocks to becoming Net Zero and foreseeable solutions.

"It's the age of your facility you're in, making it harder to heat or cool," commented Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams. "And what you're doing for the mission can add into the total energy you use."

Post-discussion, Rock said she will build a small focus group for further strategic planning, and will reach out to senior leaders for a follow-up discussion on the BOCC capabilities and metering baseline data.

For more information about the APG energy program, contact Devon Rock at 410-306-1125, or devon.a.rock.civ@mail.mil.

# APG fellows head south to visit CENTCOM, SOCOM

Senior Service College Fellowship Program

APG fellows in the Senior Service College Fellowship Program recently gained greater awareness about organizations tasked with protecting the nation's interests. Led by Jim Oman, SSCFP director, the fellows visited the U.S. Central Command, USCENTCOM, and the U.S. Special Operations Command, USSOCOM, in Tampa, Florida and the U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, PEO-STRI, in Orlando, Florida, Jan. 26-28.

USCENTCOM is responsible for U.S. security interests in 20 nations; the USSOCOM is the unified command for the worldwide use of Special Operations elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines; and PEO-STRI provides the Army with training devices, simulations, simulators and instrumentation for training and testing.

APG fellows Shauna Dover, Willie Jackson, Melanie Loncarich, Patrick Morse, Ben Pryor, Nick Saacks, Dan Schwartz, and Wing Young were joined by fellows from the SSCFP in Warren, Michigan.

At USSOCOM, the fellows were greeted by and received a command overview briefing, Jan. 26, from Army Col. Timothy Baxter, who provided a snapshot of the roles, missions, and responsibilities associated with the USSOCOM. They also heard from Mark Peterson, a member of the Senior Executive Service and director of USSOCOM Special Operations Financial Management, who shared his insights and perspectives on the past, current, and projected USSOCOM budget.

Later that afternoon, a series of classified presentations provided a detailed explanation of the roles and missions being executed by the USCENTCOM. They included a Theater Campaign Plans brief from the J5 Plans Branch Chief, a Current Operations Overview brief from a J3 plans officer, a Logistics Overview briefing from the J4 Chief of Staff, and a Science & Technology brief from the Chief of Concepts & Transformation, J8.

The fellows arrived at Orlando Jan. 27 for the PEO-STRI and the Team Orlando portion of the visit. This consisted of numerous stops and briefings



APG fellows, from left, Willie Jackson, Ben Pryor, Wing Young, Patrick Morse, Melanie Loncarich, Daniel Schwartz, Shauna Dover; Jim Oman, director, APG SSCFP; and Nick Saacks pose together in front of the U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Florida, in January 2016.

from several PEO-STRI personnel as well as from leaders from the U.S. Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulations, and the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division. The fellows heard from members of academia and visited the Institute for Simulation and Training/University of Central Florida, and the Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory.

This onsite, interactive trip created a greater understanding of how combat-

ant commands protect national interests. As well, it afforded an opportunity to examine and learn about some of the latest modeling, simulations, and gaming capabilities available to warfighters.

The SSCFP is a nationally-recognized, Army-sponsored program designed to develop strong, effective senior leaders for the Department of Defense acquisition community. The SSCFP announcement calling for applications for the class of 2016-17, which starts July 25,

is currently open and will run through March 23.

Program announcement information is found at: <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/>. For more information, visit the DAU website at [www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx](http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx) or contact Jim Oman at 410-272-9470 or email james.oman@dau.mil.



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# Registration open for tech interchange

## CERDEC to host two-day meeting with industry to better align R&D investments

**CERDEC**

Registration is now open for the two-day technical interchange meeting, or TIM, with industry, to be hosted by the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, March 31 – April 1.

The event is planned to be held at the Unclassified - For Official Use Only level, which will allow attendees to better identify and align mutually beneficial R&D investments. Registration for the event ends Feb 28.

The CERDEC TIM is an opportunity for industry to learn about CERDEC's

core mission, research and development plans and strategies. According to the FedBizOps announcement released Jan. 4, the intent of the sessions will be to enhance government-and-industry communication and enable industry to quickly respond to emerging requirements with innovative technology solutions and partnerships.

The CERDEC TIM will provide details that will assist attendees in aligning their organization's research efforts with CERDEC's mission areas by articulating technical requirements for high-level capabilities and presenting technology roadmaps and

CERDEC's strategies to support these.

Breakout sessions will decompose Army requirements into specific research and development activities in CERDEC mission areas. Those mission areas include mission command; tactical and deployed power; positioning, navigation and timing; tactical and strategic networks; tactical cyberspace operations; electronic warfare; countermine/counter-IED; intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting; and intelligence analysis, exploitation

off a series of more focused industry engagements that are expected to emerge from a clearer understanding of CERDEC's research and development direction.

"If we want to leverage creativity and innovation to its fullest, Army R&D must work more closely with industry in the earliest stages of the product lifecycle before requirements are firm and design concepts are determined. The sooner industry knows of our interest in a specific capability, the sooner they can begin to explore or invest in applicable technologies and formulate ideas for Army consideration," said Henry Muller, CERDEC technical director.

The forum will also be open to academia and other government organizations; however, priority will be given to industry as registration is limited. Due to subject limitation, media will not be invited to participate, but additional information is available by calling CERDEC's Corporate and Public Communication's office at 443-861-7566.

Visit <http://www.cerdec.army.mil/industryday> to register.

**“The sooner industry knows of our interest in a specific capability, the sooner they can begin to explore or invest in applicable technologies and formulate ideas for Army consideration.”**

**Henry Muller**

CERDEC Technical Director.

and dissemination.

The interchange is intended to kick-



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### events&town halls

#### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

##### BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

The 20th CBRNE Command invites Team APG to participate in the installation's Black History Month observance at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

This year's theme is "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memory."

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##### ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM BLOOD DRIVE

Donors – jack into the blood grid and infuse life. The Armed Services Blood Program will host a blood drive at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors are encouraged to make appointments online at [www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com). Use the sponsor code APGMD.

For more info, visit [militaryblood.dod.mil](http://militaryblood.dod.mil).

### meetings&conferences

#### ONGOING

##### BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Religious Services Office hosts a new Soldier and Family Christian Fellowship Bible Study Class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel. Free childcare is included. The class focuses on biblical fellowship and outreach and encouragement through prayer and is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

### health&resiliency

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9

##### CARE FIRST BCBS VISIT

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield to visit APG. The representative will be available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326, room 120 to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on APG South (Edgewood), at Bldg. E2800 (JPEO-CBD), Rooms 103/104. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331 or [teresal.wright28.civ@mail.mil](mailto:teresal.wright28.civ@mail.mil), Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

#### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18

##### HEALTHY HEART INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Healthy Heart Informational Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Myer Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen). During the session, the speaker will discuss how choosing the right foods, activities, and lifestyles can keep your heart and the rest of your body healthy. There will also be a 10-15 minute Zumba class.

The session is open to civilians, contractors, and service members.

VTC will be available for employees who are not stationed at APG. If your organization will need a VTC dial in number and code, please contact the G1. For sign language interpreters and other disability-related accommodations, please contact the CECOM EEO Office at 443-861-4355 by Feb. 11.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

#### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

##### PREGNANCY INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Pregnancy Informational Session in Bldg. 6002, 3rd floor, room 114 (CERDEC Conference Room) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The session will be an overview of pregnancy, giving information and tips on different stages, actual child birth, breast feeding, and post-partum depression. Any mothers wishing to sign up for the CECOM Headquarters Nursing Mothers' Room should contact the G1 POC for more information.

The session is open to civilians, contractors and service members. All non-C4ISR employees must register by Feb. 18.

For more information, or to register, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or [tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil).

#### THROUGH MAY

##### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

An American Sign Language Class will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Feb. 9 through May 3, in the conference room at Bldg. E4301 in APG South (Edgewood). The class is free and consists of basic to advanced level sign language. The textbook, "ABC, A Basic Course in American Sign Language," is required and can be purchased on

<http://www.amazon.com>.

To register, for directions, or more information, contact instructors Randy Weber at 410-436-8546, [randy.k.weber.civ@mail.mil](mailto:randy.k.weber.civ@mail.mil) or Matt Rappaport at 410-436-4096, [matthew.rappaport.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:matthew.rappaport.ctr@mail.mil).

#### THROUGH MID-2016

##### ARMY WELLNESS CENTER RELOCATED

As a result of ongoing renovations to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the APG Army Wellness Center has relocated to the trailers directly across from the main KUSAHC building, near the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

For more information, contact the wellness center at 410-306-1024.

#### THROUGH MID-2016

##### KUSAHC OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RELOCATED

As a result of ongoing renovations to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, occupational health services have relocated to the trailers directly across from the main KUSAHC building, near the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

For more information, contact occupational services at 410-278-1912/1913.

#### ONGOING

##### WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

A Harford County/APG-based Wear Blue: Run to Remember community has been established, with ongoing meets the second Saturday of every month 8:30 a.m. at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Heritage Trail in Fallston.

Wear Blue: Run to Remember communities run, jog and walk in honor of the nation's fallen, fighting and families.

Those interested in participating in the run should meet at the Annie's Playground – Pavilion at 864 Smith Lane, Fallston, Maryland. Pets are allowed, but park rules do not allow retractable leashes.

All ability levels are welcome. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear blue.

##### Upcoming dates include:

- Feb. 13
- March 12
- April 9

For more information, contact Robin Bruns at 910-987-6764 or [brunsr@yahoo.com](mailto:brunsr@yahoo.com).

#### ONGOING

##### VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY NEW HOURS

Based on customer demand, the APG Veterinary Treatment facility will have new hours starting in January.

The VTF will be open and accept appointments Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Should demand increase, the clinic will reevaluate days and hours of operation.

The clinic is open to all service members, retirees, and their families.

To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-4604.

#### ONGOING

##### 2016 CPR & AED TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2016. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

All APG North (Aberdeen) classes will be held at Bldg. 3147. All APG South (Edgewood) classes will be held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's North East Regional Training Center, located near the Edgewood (Wise Road) gate.

- **Feb. 18** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **March 17** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **April 21** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **May 19** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **June 16** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **July 21** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Aug. 18** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Sept. 22** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Oct. 20** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 17** – APG North – Bldg. 3147, Rm 205 – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- **Dec. 15** – APG South – MFRI North East Regional Training Center – 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

#### TUESDAY APRIL 19

##### DENTAL CLINICS CLOSED

The APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) dental clinics will be

closed, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Sgt. Tracy Glover at 410-804-6805 or email [tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil](mailto:tracy.s.glover4.mil@mail.mil).

#### THURSDAY APRIL 21

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#### ONGOING

##### KUSAHC CLOSED FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic believes the key to being the premier health and readiness platform is a professionally-developed workforce, and reinvesting in employees is an investment to their service to APG.

As such, KUSAHC will close the first Wednesday of every month for training purposes until further notice.

For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx> or [www.facebook.com/KUSAHC](http://www.facebook.com/KUSAHC).

### miscellaneous

#### ONGOING

##### FREE INCOME TAX PREP

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division offers free income tax preparation for eligible patrons, including active-duty service members, retirees and their family members.

The OSJA, CSD is located in Bldg. 4305, Room 317. Its hours of operation are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 410-278-1583.

#### ONGOING

##### ROAD CLOSURE ON APG NORTH FOR MORNING PT

Bel Air Street, at the intersections of Susquehanna Avenue and Raritan Avenue, will close 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, for physical fitness training. Barriers will be placed at these intersections approximately 5:50 a.m. and removed 8 a.m. by military personnel. This small road closure is to support military personnel who conduct physical training along the outside trail on Fanshaw Field.

For more information, contact APG Garrison HHC 1st Sgt. Jermaine A. Allen at 410-278-9819.

#### THROUGH FEBRUARY 2

##### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

Dear Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Community Member, You are a valued member of the Army Family, supporting an important mission at APG.

The Family and Morale, Welfare & Recreation Directorate's (FMWR) Army Community Service (ACS) is evaluating how well we support your quality of life through programs and services.

Contact 410-278-2500/7572 for assistance. To take the survey, visit [www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey](http://www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey).

#### ONGOING

##### 2016 FIRE MARSHALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host Fire Marshall classes the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. All classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the class.

##### Upcoming class dates include:

- **Feb. 18** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **March 29** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **April 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 28** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 11** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Sept. 27** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Oct. 13** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 20** – APG South, Bldg. 4403

Additional classes can be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Inspector Loren Brown at 410-278-1128.

#### ONGOING

##### 2016 FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Protection & Prevention Division will host fire extinguisher training classes on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) throughout 2016.

Two classes will be held each day from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- **Feb. 25** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **March 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403

- **April 14** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **May 19** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **June 23** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **July 14** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Aug. 17** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Sept. 15** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Oct. 13** – APG South, Bldg. E4810
- **Nov. 17** – APG North, Bldg. 4403
- **Dec. 22** – APG South, Bldg. E4810

For more information, contact Ernie Little at 410-306-0583 or [ernest.w.little.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ernest.w.little.civ@mail.mil).

#### THROUGH MARCH 23

##### 2016-2017 SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 SSCF program through March 23. The SSCF Program is a 10-month educational opportunity conducted under the auspices of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) at Huntsville, Alabama, Warren, Michigan and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The SSCF program prepares government civilians at the GS-14/15 levels or equivalent for senior leadership roles by provides training in leadership and acquisition. Program components include completion of DAU's Program Management Course (PMT 401), courses in leadership, applications of acquisition to national defense issues, research in acquisition topics, mentoring, and a distinguished speaker program.

For complete program information and application requirements, please visit: <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/programs/defense-acquisition-university-senior-service-college/>

For APG specific program information, please visit: <http://www.dau.mil/sscf/Pages/apg.aspx>.

For more information about the program, please contact Jim Oman at [james.oman@dau.mil](mailto:james.oman@dau.mil) or 410-272-9470.

#### ONGOING

##### FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Firewood is available at a cost of \$20 per level standard 8-foot pick-up truck, \$15 per level standard 6-foot pick-up truck, and \$5 per car trunk load. Permits to buy wood are good for ten days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at APG South (Edgewood) in Bldg. E4630, Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact Scott English at 410-436-9804 or Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789.

#### ONGOING

##### RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

Are you an APG Soldier or civilian nearing retirement from government service? Consider participating in the monthly Installation Retirement Ceremony.

The APG Garrison hosts the event the fourth Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center).

Much goes into the planning for these events. Event planners set up flag displays, write speeches, print programs, provide sound equipment and photography support and even create photo DVDs for each retiree.

Also, awards and decorations are presented to retirees and their spouses.

All Soldiers and civilians are eligible to participate in the Installation Retirement Ceremony regardless of unit or organization.

This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation.

Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends.

After all, Uncle Sam wants to thank you. Don't you think you've earned it?

For more information, contact Lisa M. Waldon, Garrison Training Operations Officer, at 410-278-4353 or email [lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil).

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# Three retire during January ceremony

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Two civilians and one Soldier with more than 107 years of combined service officially retired before comrades and family members during the Installation Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Jan. 28.

The ceremony was hosted by Col. James Ross, project manager, Tactical Radios, Program Executive Office, Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T).

The honorees included Phillip L. Pierson, the command inspector general of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM); Thomas A. Buettner, an engineering technician with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Aberdeen Test Center; and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hugo F. Jimenez-Solis of the 7th Expeditionary Brigade at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The event included the invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Arleigh vonSeggern, installation chaplain, and musical support by the U.S. Army Field Band Capitol Clarinets from Fort Meade, led by Team Leader Staff Sgt. Jeremy Klenke.

Ross thanked all for attending and called the combined service of the retirees, "inspiring."

He wished them well in the future and encouraged them to take pride in their service and sacrifices to the nation.

"I'm sure you'll all go on to something greater," he said. "Job well done. Stand down."

#### Phillip L. Pierson

Pierson was awarded the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service

Award; the DA Certificate of Appreciation and the DA Certificate of Retirement, signed by Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, APG Senior Commander and commander of CECOM.

A native of Nogales, Arizona, Pierson graduated from Alchey High School which was located on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation at White River, Arizona.

He enlisted in the Army in 1972 and was sent to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He then obtained an appointment to West Point. After graduation, Pierson served in a variety of staff and command positions as an Armor officer. His final assignment was as an assistant professor of Spanish at West Point in 2003.

Pierson entered civilian federal service in 2003, serving as the deputy inspector general for the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida. From 2013 to 2016 he served as the CECOM Command inspector general.

Pierson retired Jan. 30 with more than 40 years of service to the nation.

Pierson said he was "proud to have done my duty as an American," and he extended thanks to the Crawford, "for allowing me to serve here. Hopefully I've done my duty in my service to the nation."

He said his plans include moving to Florida and one day using his language skills in Spanish

and the Apache language to help tell the story of Native Americans.

"It's been a great joy and I learned a lot," he said of his time at APG.

#### Thomas A. Buettner

Buettner was awarded the DA Certificates of Achievement; Appreciation and Retirement and his wife, Marilyn Buettner, received the ATC Certificate of Appreciation signed by ATC Commander, Col. Morris L. Bodrick.

Buettner was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He moved to Edgewood while still in school and graduated from Edgewood High School and Harford Community College. He served in the 1st Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War and then resumed studies at HCC while working for the Materiel Test Directorate as an artillery tester and repairer helper.

After serving with the Maryland National Guard, he returned to APG as a security guard and then returned to the test directorate as an artillery repairer inspector. He later worked as a member of the Process Action Committee that developed the current logo and name of Aberdeen Test Center.

Buettner retired Jan. 3 after 42 years of service.

He extended thanks to the ATC commander and to his coworkers in attendance and said he

was overwhelmed at the thought of his "long haul."

"I'd just like to thank all those who came before me and gave me an opportunity to serve," he said. "Thanks for coming."

#### CW2 Hugo F. Jimenez-Solis

Jimenez-Solis was presented the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the

DA Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley; and a U.S. flag and pin. His wife, Danielle L. Reed received the DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Milley.

Jimenez-Solis enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1991 as an administrative specialist at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. He went Regular Army in 1996 and attended Advanced Individual Training in the Ordnance Center and School at APG.

His past assignments include Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and Fort Rucker, Alabama. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and Army commendation and achievement medals.

Jimenez-Solis culminates his career as the Brigade Marine Maintenance Support Officer, HHC 7th Expeditionary Brigade, Fort Eustis, Virginia. He retired Jan. 31 with 25 years of service.

He thanked his wife for her support throughout his career and said he was grateful for all his experiences and accomplishments while in uniform.

"There were a lot of lessons learned while in the Army," he said, "and I'm retiring the uniform but I'm not retiring from the workforce."

It's been a great joy and I learned a lot.



Phillip L. Pierson

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## BY THE NUMB#RS

### Super Bowl

On Sunday, Feb. 7, millions of people all over the world will tune in to see the Denver Broncos face off against the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California. Celebrate the golden anniversary of America's premier sporting event with these fun facts.

**1.3 billion**

Estimated number of wings that will be consumed by Americans during Super Bowl 50, according to The National Chicken Council annual "Wing Report."

**114.4 million**

Number of viewers that tuned into Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1, 2015, making it the most watched television show in U.S. history. Only seven shows in American television history have topped 100 million viewers, and six of those are Super Bowls.

**\$5 million**

Approximate cost of a 30-second advertisement during this year's Super Bowl.

**\$36,500**

Cost of the New England Patriots Super Bowl XLIX ring. It is the largest Super Bowl ring ever made, featuring 205 diamonds.

**55**

Highest total points scored by one team during a Super Bowl. Played on Jan. 28, 1990, the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Denver Broncos with a score of 55 to 10.

**19**

Number of franchises, including relocated teams, that have won the Super Bowl. The Pittsburgh Steelers have won the most Super Bowls with six championships, while the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers each have five wins.

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

Sources: [www.cbssports.com](http://www.cbssports.com) ; [www.patriots.com](http://www.patriots.com) ; <http://adage.com/> ; [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org) ; <http://time.com/>

## Harford County waives permit fees for storm-related repairs

Harford County Government

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman has waived permit fees for residential property owners who suffered damage from Winter Storm Jonas.

The waiver is effective from Jan. 25 through March 7 for single-family homes, townhouses, and any associated accessory structures such as detached garages or sheds.

"Some roofs, porches, and decks may be compromised by the weight of our record-breaking snowfall," Glassman said. "I am taking this action to help ease the burden on our citizens by allowing them to make storm-related repairs without paying for their

required permits."

Authority to waive permit fees for 30 business days is provided for in the Harford County Code following a state of the County emergency declaration. Glassman signed such a declaration on January 22.

Although a fee waiver is in effect, property owners are still required to apply for their permits through the Harford County Permit Center located on the first floor at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air.

For more information, please call 410-638-3122. Refunds will be available to qualifying property owners who paid for their permits within the effective period prior to this announcement.



## Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); or OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Please contact Sue Campbell at 410-306-0266 or [sue.a.campbell8.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sue.a.campbell8.civ@mail.mil)

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Acevedo, Rachel	Hall, Larry L.	Mielke, Sylvia A.
Acosta, Jeannie M.	Hampton, Devita D.	Morgan, Judy A.
Adair, Jennifer	Hardesty, Stacie L.	Morrow, Anthony
Alba, Audrey	Hazel, Wanda L.	Morrow, Patricia D.
Barela, Linda M.	Height, Kristin M.	Moss, Jason D.
Battle-Hinson, Melinda L.	Henry, Edwin R.	Ogbonna, Fanny N.
Branscome, Teresa A.	Humphries, Theresa	Parker, Inger
Ciborowski, Steven	Johnson, Douglas W.	Peduzzi, Jill L.
Clark, Lyra	Kent, Nathaniel	Pulaski, Michele L.
Clybourn, Angela M.	King, Sharon M.	Quraishi, Qudsia
Dean-Delbridge, Dawn	Kubat, Tracey L.	Solomon, Je'Neane
Dennis, Robin N.	Kuciej, Andrea D.	Thompson, Curtis
Dennison, Natalie G.	Kyro, Kelly J.	Tisdale, Dorris A.
Dimond, Crystal	Malczewski, Stephen V.	Villanueva, Jenny
Dissek, Michael J.	Mancini, Jennifer	Vincelli, Louis
Frankel, Ronald A.	Mandos, Gust H.	Winkles, Jeffrey
Gaddis, Lonnie	Meadowcroft, Catherine	
Gilley, Christopher M.	Meskill, Joseph F.	



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## At your service

### Lt. Col. Arleigh vonSeggern, Garrison Command Chaplain

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

As the new garrison command chaplain, Lt. Col. Arleigh F. vonSeggern provides religious support to the garrison commander.

“Part of our job, like any staff officer, is giving the commander some advice to help him make a better deci-

sion,” vonSeggern said.

An ordained Lutheran minister, he also performs religious services and sacraments for APG congregations. He said if he is unable to perform a religious service for members of other faiths then it is his responsibility to connect them to alternate resources.

“Let’s say you come to me and

you’re Roman Catholic and you say you’d like to receive the sacrament,” vonSeggern said. “I may not be able to perform that because the standards are different, but I can provide that by saying, ‘here is a priest and these are the Masses and the times that they meet.’”

VonSeggern was the Brigade Chaplain for the 35th Signal Brigade (Theater Tactical) at Fort Gordon, Georgia prior to coming to APG. He entered the Army in 1978 right after high school and, he said that although he had other assignments, the ministry was calling.

“When I was stationed at Fort Carson [Colorado] I was involved in Bible study; I was teaching Sunday school class at the local chapel. It was the direction the Lord was leading me in life,” he said.

He finished his time as an Armor

officer with the 3rd Armored Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas before heading to Concordia Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity and became an Army Reservist and National Guardsman.

A few years ago vonSeggern completed his doctorate in religion at Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary in Indiana.

When not at the chapel, vonSeggern said he enjoys spending time with his wife of 28 years and their teenage daughter. He is originally from Wisconsin and his pastimes include square dancing and plucking his fiddle.

The main post chapel and religious support office is located at Bldg. 2485 on APG North (Aberdeen).

For more information, contact vonSeggern at 410-278-4333, or email arleigh.f.vonseggern.mil@mail.mil.

# Zika virus: what you need to know

By **AMY POPE**

Department of Homeland Security

If you’ve been thinking about traveling to warmer climates or have been catching a few news stories, you may have heard about something called the Zika virus — a disease spread primarily through mosquito bites.

Zika causes mild illness in some, however, the Department of Homeland Security and the White House are closely tracking and responding to recent outbreaks of this virus because the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued reports that indicate Zika may be linked to serious birth defects in babies of mothers who were infected with this virus while pregnant.

While this virus is not new, it is new to the Americas. The first case was reported in Brazil just last spring. Since that time, it has spread through South and Central America, and the Caribbean. No locally transmitted Zika cases from mosquitoes have been reported in the continental U.S., but cases have been reported in travelers returning from areas where Zika is present. As Zika continues to spread in our region, the number of cases among travelers visiting or returning to the U.S. is likely to increase.

The latest updates about the Zika virus can be found on the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/Zika](http://www.cdc.gov/Zika).

#### What is the Zika virus?

The Zika virus is spread primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. These are the same mosquitoes that spread other viruses like dengue and chikungunya. Only about one in five people infected with the Zika virus will feel sick. In those that do, symptoms are usually mild and can include fever, rash, joint pain and red eye.

#### How is Zika transmitted?

Zika is primarily spread to people through the bite of infected Aedes mosquitoes. It can also be transmitted from a pregnant mother to her baby during pregnancy, though it is not currently known how often that transmission occurs.

#### Where are people contracting Zika?

People are contracting Zika in areas where Aedes mosquitoes are present, which include South America, Central America and the Caribbean. As the CDC notes, specific areas where the Zika virus is being transmitted are likely to change over time. Updates can be found online at [www.cdc.gov/Zika](http://www.cdc.gov/Zika).

#### Who is at risk of being infected?

Anyone who is living in or traveling



Official White House photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama convenes a meeting on the Zika virus in the Situation Room of the White House, Jan. 26.

to an area where the virus is found is at risk for infection.

#### Why are there specific recommendations for pregnant women?

There may be a link between a serious birth defect called microcephaly—a condition in which a baby’s head is smaller than expected—and other poor pregnancy outcomes and a Zika infection in a mother during pregnancy. While the link between Zika and these outcomes is being investigated the CDC recommends that women take special precautions if they fall into one of these groups:

- If you are pregnant (in any trimester):
  - You should consider postponing travel to any area where the Zika virus is active.
  - If you must travel to an active region, talk to your doctor first and follow the steps to prevent mosquito bites during your trip.
- If you are trying to become pregnant:
  - Before you travel, talk to your doctor about your plans to become pregnant and the risks posed from infection.

#### What can I do to prevent a Zika infection?

Right now, there is no vaccine to pre-

vent this disease. The best way to prevent diseases by mosquitoes is to take protective measures to prevent being bitten. Here’s how:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window, door screens, and netting to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated for safety and effectiveness.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas or outside and are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

#### Should we be concerned about Zika in the United States?

The U.S. mainland does have Aedes species mosquitoes that can become infected with and spread Zika virus. U.S. travelers who visit a country where Zika is found could become infected if bitten by a mosquito.

With the recent outbreaks in the Americas, the number of Zika virus disease cases among travelers visiting or

returning to the United States will likely increase. These imported cases may result in local spread of the virus in some areas of the United States. CDC has been monitoring these epidemics and is prepared to address cases imported into the United States and cases transmitted locally.

President Barack Obama recently met with CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden and his other health and national security advisors to discuss the potential spread of the Zika virus in the U.S. He emphasized the need to accelerate research efforts to make available diagnostic tests, to develop vaccines and therapeutics, and to ensure that all Americans have information about the Zika virus and steps they can take to better protect themselves.

Stay up-to-date on all the latest information here: [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika).

*Editor’s Note: This article was originally published on the White House blog on Jan. 28. Since its publication, the World Health Organization declared the Zika virus and observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, meaning research and aid will be put on the fast-track to help tackle the infection.*

# Zapping up microwave safety at home and the office

National Fire Protection Association

With busy lives, families rely on the microwave oven as a quick way to heat up a meal, warm up a drink or defrost dinner. While the convenience of the microwave oven is something we take for granted, safety should not be. By following a few simple safety tips you can prevent painful burns and possible fires.

Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from microwave ovens. When using a microwave oven, use only microwave-safe food containers or dishes. Never use aluminum foil or metal. Always supervise children when they are using the microwave oven or any kitchen appliance.

In the event of a fire in the microwave, leave the door closed, turn the oven off and unplug it from the wall. If the fire does not go out, get outside and call 911.

#### Safety tips

- Purchase a microwave oven that

has the label of an independent testing laboratory. Make sure to complete and return the product registration card so the manufacturer can reach you in the event of a product recall.

- Plug the microwave directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Make sure the microwave oven is at a safe height, within easy reach of all users.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face. Hot steam or the food itself can cause burns.
- Food heats unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test food before eating or giving to children.
- Never heat a baby bottle in the microwave. Because microwave ovens heat unevenly, it can create hot pockets leading to burns. Warm a bottle in a bowl of warm – not hot or boiling – water, or by running it under the tap.

For more fire safety information, visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).



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# ALL THINGS MARYLAND

## Havre de Grace Opera House

*Curtain to raise again at historic local venue*

By **STACY SMITH**  
APG News

A 145-year-old opera house in the Havre de Grace historic district is about to raise its curtains once again. More than \$2 million has been generated to renovate the building at 121 North Union Avenue to make it a state-of-the-art performance venue.

“It’s been a project that’s been on the table since 2012,” said Dianne Klair, Havre de Grace City planner. “I think there’s a lot of energy and optimism around it.”

The building has a rich and varied history. As reported by the Baltimore Sun, the structure, which once housed the Havre de Grace city hall, was the site of a 1912 speech by Former President Theodore Roosevelt as he sought reelection. Ghosts are said to haunt the place, and two years ago producers of the Netflix series “House of Cards” filmed scenes in the old council room.

Klair said construction has already begun on the \$3.5 million project, which will combine modern accommodations with historic charm.

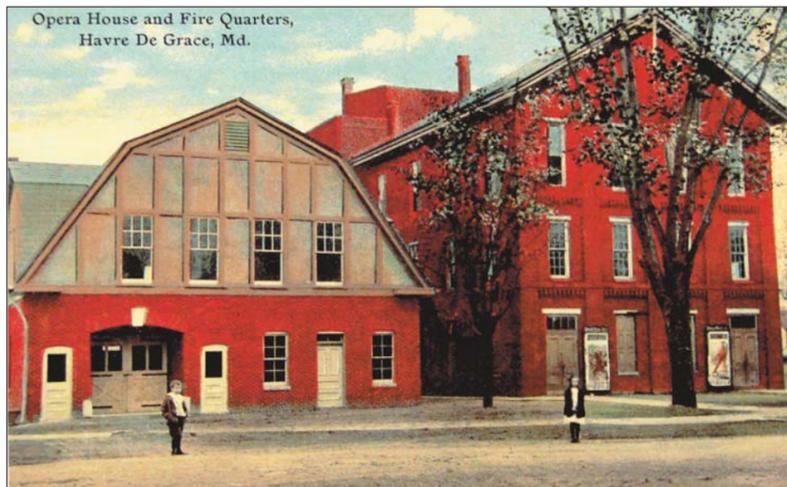
“It will be evocative of a theater circa late 1800s to 1920,” said Opera House Foundation chairman Bill Price. “It’s not a very glamorous building on the outside, but it will be rather spectacular on the inside.”

Once completed, the building will feature plush red velvet interiors, tiered seating, and a glass atrium. It will also meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations with elevator accessibility. The black-box theater will have 1920’s ceilings and a neoclassical brick facade. The theater will host plays and concerts and will continue to serve as home to the local theater group, the Tidewater Players, who Klair said has used the upstairs to put on productions and summer camps for more than 25 years.

Despite the theater’s fancy name, Maryland opera aficionados should leave their glasses and gowns at home.

“When it was built in the late 1800s, an ‘opera house’ was a hoity-toity way of saying you’re building a theater; you’re bringing culture into the area,” Price said. “It was never meant as just an opera house.”

Price could not confirm if opera was ever performed at the theater, but said the building’s original three-story structure, which was reduced to two stories after a 1920 fire, does lend itself to the performance genre.



Courtesy photos

(Clockwise from top left)

An illustration of the historic opera house, on the right, also depicts the town’s fire house. The renovated theater will include a glass atrium that connects both buildings; A banner outside the theater reminds community members of what is to come. Project overseers are hopeful the theater will generate foot traffic and revenue to the already hopping downtown and historic areas of Havre de Grace; Renovation begins on the 145-year-old opera house at 121 North Union Avenue in Havre de Grace. When completed, the multipurpose theater will combine modern accommodations with late 1800s historic charm.

“On the back side of the three-story structure, which you can see in an image, there is an area called a ‘fly house’ which is where you would put scenery. So it may very well have been a three-story opera house circa the late 1800s,” he said.

Klair and Price said they envision the new building to be not only a theater, but a multipurpose cultural and community center reminiscent of its past.

“It was almost like a multi-functional civic space right from the beginning,”

Klair said. “It served as a library, a social hall and then community theater.”

Both expressed confidence that the renovated theater, which will host an attraction every weekend, will generate foot traffic and revenue to the already hopping downtown and historic areas of Havre de Grace.

“Everything is walkable; you can get dinner and your theatre fix all in the same place,” Klair said.

A grand opening for the renovated

theater is yet to be determined, and Price said private and public fundraising for the opera house will continue until all the money for construction is in place.

“With grants and with the generosity of members of the community, it [the theatre] could theoretically be done by the end of this year or spring of next,” he said.

For more information about the opera house restoration project, visit [www.operahousefoundation.org](http://www.operahousefoundation.org).



U.S. Army photo by PEO C3T

## Army tests satellite channel sharing

Systems engineers from the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications – Tactical conducted a channel sharing aviation mobility operational test Jan. 27 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

During the test, engineers operated Blue Force Tracker (BFT-1 AND BFT-2) from ground and aviation vehicles within the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC) Army aviation facility known as “hang 5.”

Transmitting from BFT-1 and BFT-2 aviation transceivers underneath the rotors of a UH-60M (Blackhawk), system engineers gathered data including position reports. The channel assessment is intended to provide more comprehensive performance data of mobile and aviation platforms. Operating within the same satellite channel will provide Program Manager Mission Command (PM MC) flexibility to significantly reduce commercial satellite lease cost by combining currently disparate channels.

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The CWF is sponsoring BJ's Membership sign-ups at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Feb. 9 and the APG North (Aberdeen) bowling center Feb.10. Save \$10 off the \$50 in-store fee for Inner Circle and \$20 off the \$100 in-store fee for the Rewards (2% back) membership. 3 months free - 15 months instead of 12. All forms of payment accepted. These discounts will only be available at on-site signups, not in-store or online.

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- Friday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 7 at 12 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Shows are at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. Tickets cost \$20 per person.

To purchase tickets visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, BLDG 3326. For questions call 410-278-4011/4907 or email [usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil).

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MWR Leisure Travel has discount tickets to Monster Jam at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore.

- Show dates are:
- Friday, Feb. 26 at 7:30p.m.
  - Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.\* and 7:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.\*

\*Pit Party 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (event ticket along with Pit Pass required for entry.) Customer Fees: Ages 2+: \$18 Pit Pass: \$10.50

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### APG 2015 TRAVEL FAIR AND SPRING BAZAAR MARCH 9

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center ballroom

The Annual Travel Fair is the perfect forum to find out new and interesting destinations to explore. There will be vendor displays and give-a-ways with lots of information to gather on many travel destinations and attractions in the northeast region. Take a stroll through the bazaar area and maybe find a special gift for yourself or an Easter present.

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### CLUE - A WHODUNIT MURDER MYSTERY & DINNER THEATER APRIL 28

APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center ballroom. Admission: \$10 Active Duty \$15 Civilians (Not for children - contains adult language)

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m., with a cash bar. Dinner Buffet begins at 6 p.m. Show Starts at 7 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. To register or for more information visit MWR Leisure Travel Services at AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326.

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### CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES 'LET'S COOK' YOUTH COOKING CLASSES FEB. 27 MARCH. 26

International cooking class will teach children different skills to prepare foods from different places around the world. The children will learn about sanitation and kitchen safety. They will also be taught different recipes that require little help from their parents. Children will learn to cook up to three dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Classes are held one Saturday each month. Registration is required along with a \$17 supply fee. Children must be 7-years-old or older.

For more information, email Shirelle Womack at [shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil](mailto:shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil).

### MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE: "PETER AND WENDY" OPEN AUDITIONS MARCH 28

3 to 5 p.m.; APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center

SKIESUnlimited will host a week-long tour residency with the Missoula Children's Theatre present "Peter and Wendy." Give your children the opportunity to shine! The week-long camp culminates in a public performance, starring local children, complete with professionally designed scenery and costumes.

Auditions are open to youth ages kindergarten through 12th grade and no prepara-

tion is needed. Assistant directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The "Peter and Wendy" workshop/camp will run March 28 to April 1, and the children's performance will be April 2 at 1:30 & 3 p.m. For more information, contact SKIES at 410-278-4589.

### NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL BUS TRIP APRIL 16

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual two-week event that celebrates springtime in Washington, DC as well as the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry blossom trees from Mayor of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The gift and annual celebration honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan. Over the years, millions have participated in the annual event that heralds spring in the nation's capital.

The bus will leave the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 per person.

Reserve your seats today by calling 410-278-4011 or visiting the MWR Leisure Travel Office at the APG North recreation center.

For more information about the festival, visit: [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)

### MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD 2K COLOR FAMILY FUN RUN APRIL 23

APG MWR will host a free 2K Color Family Fun Run starting at 10 a.m. Rain date will be Saturday, April 30. More details to follow.

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Participants must be registered with the CYSS Parent Central Office. Fees are based on total family income. Fees waived for all middle school students' afternoon care.

For more information, contact the Parent Central Office at 410-278-7571.

### SPORTS & RECREATION SUTHERLAND GRILLE CLOSES FOR SEASON THROUGH APRIL 4, 2016

The Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course is closed for lunch service for the winter season and reopens April 4. During this time, the grille will be available for meetings and special events.

For more information and the special event menu, call 410-278-4794.

### ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLYING FOR FEDERAL

### EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP FEB. 24

ACS will host an "Applying for Federal Employment Workshop" at Bldg. 2503 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will learn the 10 steps to federal employment.

Online registration is required, and the class is limited to 25 attendees.

For more information about how to register, call 410-278-9669.

### PERSONAL FINANCE FOR WOMEN MARCH 10

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ACS Bldg. 2503

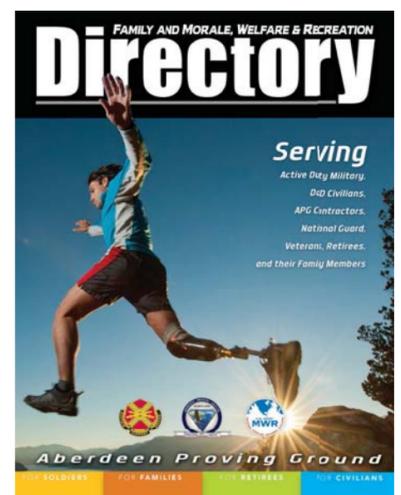
Women face some unique personal finance challenges. This class will address how to overcome these challenges and set up ways to make the most of your money. For more information contact Leary Henry [leary.g.henry.civ@mail.mil](mailto:leary.g.henry.civ@mail.mil) 410-278-2453.

### HOW TO START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS MARCH 23

Army Community Service will host a free "How to Start Your Small Business" seminar at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The orientation program provides a brief overview of the ways to smart-start a business and the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur. The session is open to Team APG personnel and the public.

To reserve a seat, contact Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669/7572.



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This class will identify reasons to save and how to set goals for a savings plan. Participants will explore the difference between short term savings and long term investments.

**Credit score from 0-850 February 23**  
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# PHC hangs on to best Organized Chaos 66-62

Story and photo by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The defending intramural basketball champion, the Army Public Health Center (PHC), overcame a slow start, dominated late and then hung on to win its Jan. 28 contest versus the 22nd Chemical Battalion's Organized Chaos, 66-62, at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center.

PHC coach Antoin Wagner said the season was "going alright," with the team looking at one loss in five games and tied for second place with Bohica, the team it defeated in the championship game last year. As of Jan. 28, Team I2WD was leading the league at six wins, one loss.

PHC and Chaos played a close first half, scoring nearly point-for-point but PHC managed a 30-28 lead at the half.

"We'll step up the defense in the second half," Wagner said.

Sgt. 1st Class Carmela Brown-Nelson who coaches Chaos with her husband, retired 1st Sgt. George Nelson, said the team is "doing pretty good," overall and they'd stick to their game plan in the second half.

"We'll keep it man-to-man; so far

it's been working," she said.

PHC found its rhythm in the second half, however, and the champs pulled away by as much as 18 points at one point. For a while, Chaos, despite skilled passing and timely steals, simply couldn't put as many through the hoop. The team was down 51-36 midway through the half before its shooters loosened up and started sinking baskets. By the end of the game, they closed the gap by two points, but the defending champs sealed their fifth win of the season as time expired.

George Nelson said the team did well despite not have "a big man."

Most of these guys have been together three or four years," he said of Chaos. "We'll get better as the season goes on."

Wagner said they welcomed the win but the game wasn't up to the team's standards.

"We slacked up and let them back in the game and that's not what we do," he said, adding that he likes the team's chances of repeating.

"We just have to get back to playing our game. There's a lot of basketball left to play."

Chaos's Brian Brown #34 of Chaos goes for the loose ball as teammate Darnell Thomas #14 looks on and PHC's August Scott #30, and Larry Bailey #12 add pressure.



## Upcoming intramural basketball games

### Monday, Feb. 8

#### APG North

AMSAA vs. ACC, 6 p.m.

Grape Jam Jelly vs. ARL Vets, 7 p.m.

#### APG South

Organized Chaos vs. Freestate, 6 p.m.

Kirk Knights vs. ATC, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

#### APG North

I2WD vs. Kirk Knights, 6 p.m.

PHC vs. EA Ballers, 7 p.m.

#### APG South

Bohica vs. ATC, 6 p.m.

First to Fight vs. ACC, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

#### APG North

Bohica vs. AMSAA, 6 p.m.

PHC vs. Grape Jam Jelly, 7 p.m.

#### APG South

Kirk Knights vs. Freestate, 6 p.m.

Organized Chaos vs. ARL, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 11

#### APG North

The Breakaways vs. ATC, 6 p.m.

ARL Vets vs. ACC, 7 p.m.

#### APG South

Organized Chaos vs. Bohica, 6 p.m.

EA Ballers vs. PHC, 7 p.m.

## Intramural Basketball standings

(As of Jan. 28)

Team	Wins	Losses	Percentage
I2WD	6	1	.857
Bohica	4	1	.800
APHC-HHC	4	1	.800
First to Fight	3	1	.750
Grape Jam Jelly	6	2	.750
Organized Chaos	5	2	.715
Kirk Knights	4	3	.571
ATC	2	2	.500
ACC	2	3	.400
EA Ballers	2	4	.333
Freestate	1	4	.200
ARL Vets	1	4	.200
AMSAA	0	4	.000
The Breakaways	0	6	.000

# VA changes Vets Choice Program requirements

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced in December 2015 a number of changes to make participation in the Veterans Choice Program easier and more convenient for Veterans who need to use it. The move, which streamlines eligibility requirements, follows feedback from Veterans along with organizations working on their behalf.

"As we implement the Veterans Choice Program, we are learning from our stakeholders what works and what needs to be refined," said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. "It is our goal to do all that we can to remove barriers that separate Veterans from the care they deserve."

To date, more than 400,000 medical appointments have been scheduled since the Veterans Choice Program went into effect on November 5, 2014.

**Under the old policy, a Veteran was eligible for the Veterans Choice Program if he or she met the following criteria:**

- Enrolled in VA health care by 8/1/14 or able to enroll as a combat Veteran to be eligible for the Veterans

## Veterans Corner

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Choice Program;

- Experienced unusual or excessive burden eligibility determined by geographical challenges, environmental factors or a medical condition impacting the Veteran's ability to travel;

- Determined eligible based on the Veteran's current residence being more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest VA medical facility.

**Under the updated eligibility requirements, a Veteran is eligible for the Veterans Choice Program if he or she is**

**enrolled in the VA health care system and meets at least one of the following criteria:**

- Told by his or her local VA medical facility that they will not be able to schedule an appointment for care within 30 days of the date the Veteran's physician determines he/she needs to be seen or within 30 days of the date the Veteran wishes to be seen if there is no specific date from his or her physician;

- Lives more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest VA medical facility with a full-time primary care physician;

- Needs to travel by air, boat or ferry to the VA medical facility closest to his/her home;

- Faces an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to the closest VA medical facility based on geographic challenges, environmental factors, a medical condition, the nature or simplicity or frequency of the care needed and whether an attendant is needed. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with him or her to determine if the Veteran is eligible for any of these reasons; or
- Lives in a State or Territory without a full-service VA medical facility which includes: Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire (Note: this excludes New Hampshire Veterans who live within 20 miles of the White River Junction VAMC) and the United States Territories (excluding Puerto Rico, which has a full service VA medical facility).

Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program or wanting to know more about it, can call 1-866-606-8198 to confirm their eligibility and to schedule an appointment. For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and VA's progress, visit: [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact).



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# Winning design announced for WWI Memorial

By **LISA FERDINANDO**  
Army News Service

The United States World War I Centennial Commission announced Jan. 26 the winning design concept for a new national memorial.

The service and sacrifice of those who served in World War I a century ago finally will be honored in a memorial in the nation's capital, said Edwin Fountain, the commission's vice chairman. Fountain, the grandson of two World War I veterans, announced the winning design concept at the National Press Club.

The winning concept is "The Weight of Sacrifice" by 25-year-old Joe Weishaar, a yet-to-be licensed architect, and veteran sculptor Sabin Howard.

The design met the challenges of creating a concept for such an important memorial, Fountain said. Those challenges, he explained, included finding an appropriate way to honor the magnitude of the service and sacrifice of the nearly 5 million Americans who served and the more than 116,000 who died.

## Memorial near White House

The design concept had to work into the surrounding landscape, Fountain said. It had to complement the iconic architecture and design of historic Washington D.C., and serve as a city park.

The memorial will be located in Pershing Park, near the White House. While the National Mall, where other war memorials are located, would be the preferred location, a law prohibits new construction on that expanse, Fountain said.

Besides serving as a permanent trib-



Graphic by Joe Weishaar & Sabin Howard Cutline

**Architectural perspective drawing of the winning design for the World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

ute to the service members, the memorial is meant to educate Americans and inspire them to learn more about the largely overlooked war that has profound influence to this day, Fountain said.

## Overlooked War

Those who fought and died in World War I did so with the "same courage and tenacity and sacrifice" as veterans of wars that have national monuments in Washington, Fountain said. Those who

served in "The Great War," he added, withstood the inferno of artillery barrages, and went down to the bottom of the sea in their ships.

"They fell from the skies in burning wreckage of airplanes, and they charged out of trenches across open fields and into woods and up hills that the enemy had spent years fortifying to defend," he said.

The service and sacrifice on such a scale must be commemorated, he said,

adding it would be an injustice to not have a national memorial in Washington for them.

World War I began in July 1914 with the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand. It ended with the armistice, Nov. 11, 1918.

## Memorial to 'restore the honor'

There are no living World War I veterans, Fountain noted, but descendants of those who served in the war have supported the efforts for the memorial.

Sandra Pershing's late husband, Jack Pershing, was the grandson of World War I Army Gen. John J. Pershing. The memorial is of tremendous significance to her family and the nation.

While noting there is a statue for General Pershing in Washington, she said her husband felt strongly there should be a memorial to honor the millions of others who served.

"Today we're going to start to restore the honor that has been so long in coming," she said.

## Possible 2018 dedication

The winning design will go through an extensive concept review from a number of agencies, including the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the National Park Service, Fountain said.

The commission hopes to begin construction on Veterans Day 2017, with a possible dedication on Veterans Day 2018. The commission is looking to raise \$30 million to \$40 million for the memorial, Fountain said.

# Sgt. Maj. of the Army inspires next generation of Soldiers

By **SGT. WILLIAM WHITE**

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey is becoming something of a folk hero among a new generation of Army Soldiers. As the youngest SMA in history, it may be a narrowed age gap that gives him an advantage in speaking to – and hearing – the voices of the next generation of leaders.

On Jan. 27, Dailey began a three-day tour of Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he met with and listened to 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Soldiers. He spoke with Soldiers from each brigade about some upcoming initiatives due to sweep the Army in the near future and he wanted to hear their feedback.

"You, ladies and gentlemen, are the future of the Army," Dailey said during a town hall at Wilson Theater Jan. 27. "The most important thing to focus on is you. We're going to make sure that you're managed appropriately with regard to the talent that you have."

After a brief introduction highlighting some of the initiatives that Soldiers will see implemented in the near future, Dailey opened the floor for discussion.

Soldiers responded well to the open forum. They asked a lot of questions, and Dailey provided a lot of answers. Common themes among their questions were concerns about drawdown effects, policy changes and the ever-changing promotion system, which according to Dailey, is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

Dailey said that although promotion standards will not change, promotions will begin to move along, as senior NCOs will see a two- or three-year reduction in the time they are allowed to serve.

"We have some of the lowest promotion rates that we've had in a while. We have to retain that mid-grade NCO because you're the continuity," Dailey said. "We're going to reduce those [retention control points] back down to where they were. It's going to stimulate promotions and it's going to offset the drawdown with regards to managing our personnel."

That initiative received good feedback, especially among junior NCOs in stagnant occupational specialties.

"He wants to see us progress," said Sgt. Dustin Fry, an aircraft electrician with Company D., 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. "He wants to integrate our generation into the military."

Fry explained that much of his generation's strengths will remain undiscovered until they can implement them at a higher level.

"We are a new generation of people; everything is electronic now and everything is changing and he sees that. Yes, it is a new Army, and he wants to see it become better," Fry said.

During another discussion at the Staff Sgt. John W. Kreckel NCO Academy, Spc. Kamisha Lowrie, a helicopter armament, electrical and avionics systems repairer with Co. B, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation



(Left) Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey prepares a meal with Spc. Gregory Becker, a food service specialist with 21st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), during a culinary competition at the Austin Peay State University culinary arts center, at Fort Campbell Jan. 28.

Photo by Sgt. William White, 101st Airborne Division

Brigade, voiced concern of Soldiers exiting the Army with little accreditation for their military qualifications.

"We have veterans who can't get jobs simply because they can't transfer their military training in the civilian sector," Lowrie said.

Dailey gave insight into an initiative that will provide Soldiers with more civilian accreditation based on their military training. Although a system exists in which the American Council on Education awards college credit for military experience, Dailey explained that the new initiative would allow the Army to award college credits based on Soldiers' experience level, eventually awarding a master's degree upon graduating the Sergeant Major Academy.

The initiative also aims at providing Soldiers who choose to leave the Army a civilian-equivalent certification so they may have an easier time finding similar work outside the military.

Dailey said Soldiers should expect to see this initiative take shape in the near future.

After a few popular overhauls already implemented, including the Army's tattoo policy and the integration of black socks, the future looks favorable for junior Soldiers.

"His mindset is listening to the Soldiers and hearing what we want and what needs to happen," Fry said. "You hear a lot of NCOs talk about the new Army in a negative way but his focus is on the new Army and making the Army better and that's what makes him different."

"I'm extremely proud that I joined knowing that I have great leadership at the top," Lowrie said. "Before, I thought of the SMA basically as a figurehead, but now I see he really is hands on, wanting our questions and going in depth and giving us a genuine answer lets me know that he's not just a figurehead, he's actually doing."

To the Soldiers, it is clear that the 15th SMA is here to shake things up, and he seems to be on their side.



Photo by Sgt. Samantha Stoffrogen, 101st Airborne Division  
Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey high-fives physical training partner, Spc. Jordan Gilbert of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), after completing a rigorous physical training session at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Jan. 28.

# THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1969.

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

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## 10 Years Ago: Feb. 2, 2006



(Above) During a story assignment in New Orleans, Louisiana, former APG News Reporter Rebecca Chisolm snapped this photo of a neighborhood struggling to recover five months after Hurricane Katrina.

(Right) Sgt. Tara Goodman of the Ordnance Center and Schools performs the poem, "My Trilogy of Love," on her way to winning "Best in Show" during the Stars of Tomorrow Talent Contest at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

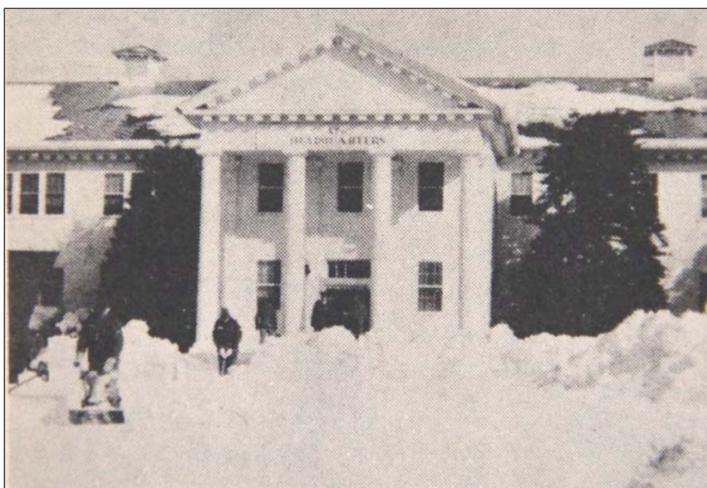
## 25 Years Ago: Feb. 6, 1991

(Right) Diane Sawyer of ABC News "Primetime Live" listens as Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ronald Peterson of the Ordnance Center and Schools provides information about the M1A1 tank while filming a segment for a telecast about Operation Desert Storm.



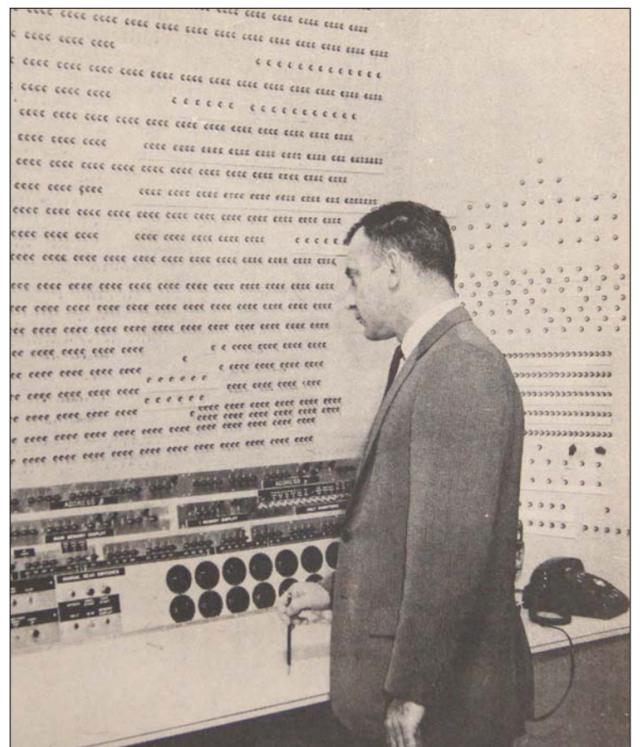
(Left) Individual Ready Reservists board a bus at Baltimore-Washington International Airport bound for Aberdeen Proving Ground after being activated for Operation Desert Storm by President George Bush.

## 50 Years Ago: Feb. 3, 1966



(Above) Personnel clear the front of the post headquarters at Bldg. 310 after the Blizzard of '66 that dropped 12-15 inches on the area and was considered "the worst blizzard of the century."

(Right) Michael Romanelli, chief of the Army Ballistic Research Laboratory computation branch, checks the console of the BRLESC computer, a modern version of the ENIAC, which went into operation at APG 20 years prior.





## Did You Know ?

### Patricia Era Bath invented the Laserphaco Probe.

Patricia Era Bath was born in Harlem, New York, Nov. 4, 1942, to Rupert and Gladys Bath. Her father was the first black motorman for the New York City subway system and her mother, the descendant of African slaves and Cherokee Native Americans, worked as a domestic. Gladys Bath encouraged her daughter to read and brought her first chemistry set.

Patricia Bath excelled academically. In high school, she was the editor of the school's science paper. At age 16 she was selected for a cancer research summer program during which she developed several theories about cancer growth and offered a mathematical equation that could be used to predict the rate of growth.

In 1964, Bath graduated from Hunter College in New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree and enrolled in medical school at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

She graduated with honors in 1968 and returned to New York to work as an intern at Harlem Hospital. She accepted a fellowship in ophthalmology at Columbia University a year later.

She served her residency in ophthalmology at New York University from 1970 to 1973, the first African American to do so in her field.

In 1981 she began work on her most well-known invention which she would call a "Laserphaco Probe." The device employed a laser as well as two tubes, one for irrigation and one for aspiration (suction). The laser would be used to make a small incision in the eye and the laser energy would vaporize the cataracts within a couple of minutes. The damaged lens would then be flushed with liquids and then gently extracted by the suction tube. With the liquids still being washed into the eye, a new lens could be easily inserted. Additionally, this procedure could be used for initial cataract surgery and could eliminate much of the discomfort expected, while increasing the accuracy of the surgery. Though her concept was sound, at the time, she was unable to find any lasers within the United States that could be adapted for the procedure. Today, the device — which quickly and nearly painlessly dissolves the cataract with a laser, irrigates and cleans the eye and permits the easy insertion of a new lens — is used internationally to treat the disease. Bath has continued to improve the device and has successfully restored vision to people who have been unable to see for decades.

Three of Bath's four patents relate to the Laserphaco Probe. In 2000, she was granted a patent for a method she devised for using ultrasound technology to treat cataracts.

In addition, she pioneered the worldwide discipline of "community ophthalmology," a volunteer-based outreach to bring necessary eye care to underserved populations.

Hunter College placed Bath in its Hall of Fame in 1988 and Howard University declared her a "Howard University Pioneer in Academic Medicine" in 1993.



Bath followed a career path that led to the west coast where she joined the staff at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA, knocking down barriers that had been closed to women and blacks. Prior to Bath, no woman had served on the staff of the institute, headed a post-graduate training program in ophthalmology, or been elected to the honorary staff of the UCLA Medical Center (an honor bestowed on her after her retirement). Additionally, before Bath, no African American had served as a resident in ophthalmology at New York University and no African American woman had ever served on staff as a surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center. Bath is the first African-American woman doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose. The holder of four patents, she also founded the company of the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in Washington, D.C.

*Editor's Note: To honor Black History Month, each week the APG News will profile an African American inventor who contributed significantly to American society.*

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News

Source(s): <http://blackinventor.com>; <https://www.wikipedia.org/>

## 2016 APG Chapel Easter Services

### Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 27 at 7 a.m.

APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel

Hot breakfast to follow the service, served by Protestant Men of the Chapel

### APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel

#### Catholic Services

Wednesday, Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday	11:45 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 12	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 14	1st Sunday of Lent	8:45 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21	2nd Sunday of Lent	8:45 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 26	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 28	3rd Sunday of Lent	8:45 a.m.
Sunday, March 6	4th Sunday of Lent	8:45 a.m.
Friday, March 11	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday, March 13	5th Sunday of Lent	8:45 a.m.
Sunday March 20	Palm Sunday	8:45 a.m.
Friday, March 25	Good Friday	4 p.m.
Saturday, March 26	Easter Vigil	7 p.m.
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday	8:45 a.m.

#### Protestant Services

All Sunday services at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 20	Easter Cantata	10:15 a.m.

#### Protestant Lenten Bible Study & Lunch

Wednesdays, Feb. 17 – March 23	Fellowship hall	Noon
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#### Gospel Services

All Sunday services at noon

Friday, March 25	The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ	7 p.m.
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### APG South (Edgewood) Chapel

#### Catholic Services

Sunday, Feb. 14	1st Sunday of Lent	10:45 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 19	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21	2nd Sunday of Lent	10:45 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 28	3rd Sunday of Lent	10:45 a.m.
Friday, March 4	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday, March 6	4th Sunday of Lent	10:45 a.m.
Sunday, March 13	5th Sunday of Lent	10:45 a.m.
Friday, March 18	Stations/Soup	6 p.m.
Sunday March 20	Palm Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Thursday, March 24	Holy Thursday	7 p.m.
Friday, March 25	Good Friday	4 p.m.
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday	10:45 a.m.

#### Protestant Services

All Sunday services at 9:15 a.m.

#### Jewish Holy Days

Point of contact: Col. Jonas Vogelhut  
443-619-2304

Purim begins Wednesday, March 23  
Purim ends Thursday, March 24

Passover begins Friday, April 22  
Passover ends Saturday, April 30

### Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread

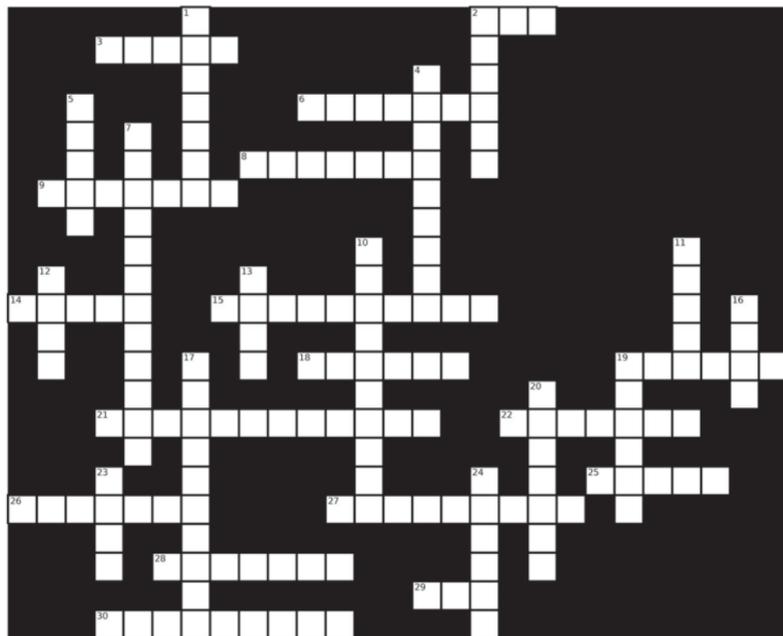
Followed by a study on "The Seven Deadly Sins"  
Every Friday during Lent.

See APG North and APG South schedules for alternating dates and locations.

For more information about upcoming services and special events, contact the APG Main Post Chapel administrative office at 410-278-4333.



See more photos from events around APG  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>



# The APG Crossword

## Football season is coming to a close

By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with this football- themed crossword.

### Across

2. This former Minnesota Vikings kicker invented the NERF football.

3. Number of Baltimore Ravens head coaches since 1996.

6. A game in which one team dominates the other in scoring.

8. According to Forbes, this team is worth \$4 billion, making it the most valuable team in the NFL.

9. The first NFL helmets were made out of this material.

14. The first quarterback in NFL history to throw for more than 70,000 yards, 6,000 completions, and 10,000 pass attempts.

15. The NFL team in this city

was the first to have an official marching band, as well as the first with a fight song.

18. Johnny Unitas, a record-setting quarterback for the Baltimore Colts, was nicknamed "The \_\_\_\_\_ Arm."

19. Based on a true story, this 2000 film starring Denzel Washington as African-American high school football coach Herman Boone, was titled "Remember the \_\_\_\_\_."

21. Rodger Goodell is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the National Football League.

22. A method of starting a drive, during which one team kicks to the opposing or receiving team; occurs at the start of

each game or overtime period, or restarts the game after a touch-down or field goal.

25. In 1961, he became the first African-American athlete to win the Heisman Trophy.

26. A play called by the quarterback at the line of scrimmage to make a change from the play that was called in the huddle.

27. The first game of American football was played Nov. 6, 1869, between two college teams, Rutgers and \_\_\_\_\_.

28. This professional football player left his career to enlist in the U.S. Army, in June 2002, in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

29. This Ohio town is home to the Wilson Football Factory, the exclusive manufacturer of NFL footballs.

30. The area outside the quarterback's vision.

### Down

1. He became the first African-American general manager in the NFL on Nov. 25, 2002.

2. The Pro Football Hall of Fame is located in this Ohio city.

4. In 1905, in response to several football-related fatalities, this U.S. President urged reform of the sport.

5. This offensive tackle was the first-ever draft pick made by the Baltimore Ravens.

7. The act of catching a football thrown by a player on the opposing team.

10. Term for a quarterback who plays in an aggressive and decisive manner by throwing deep, risky passes.

11. A "red \_\_\_\_\_" is the term for a college football player who is forgoing a season to retain a year of eligibility.

12. This Yale graduate is considered "The Father of American

Football."

13. A "Hail \_\_\_\_\_" is a long pass play, thrown towards a group of receivers near or in the end zone in hope of a touchdown; usually used as a last resort.

16. A kick in which the ball is dropped and kicked to the opposing or receiving team before it reaches the ground.

17. A forward pass that is successfully caught by an eligible receiver.

19. In 2015, she was hired as the first full-time female official in NFL history.

20. After a 12-year playing career as a running back and flanker for the New York Giants he was a play-by-play announcer and commentator for 27 years on ABC's "Monday Night Football."

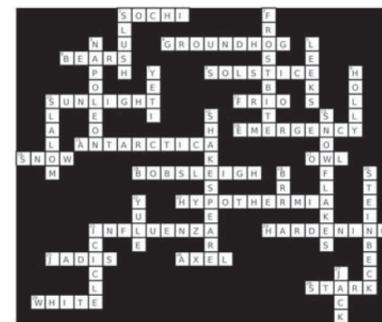
23. This former San Francisco 49er is the all-time leader in most major statistical categories for wide receivers including receptions, touchdown receptions, and receiving yards.

24. The nickname for NFL officials, who wear black and white-striped shirts.

Think you solved last week's puzzle?

Check out the solution below

Solution to the January 28 puzzle



## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Excogitate

Pronounced: eks-koj-i-teyt

Part of Speech: Verb

#### Definition:

- To think out; devise; invent.
- To study intently and carefully in order to grasp or comprehend fully.
- Use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments;

#### Related forms:

Excogitable, adjective / Excogitation, noun / Excogitative, adjective  
Excogitator, noun / Unexcogitable, adjective

#### Use:

- The scientist must stop to observe and start to excogitate.
- After much argument the diplomats settled in to excogitate a solution to the delicate situation.
- They were determined to excogitate positive solutions for the series of embarrassing errors.
- His calculated response was excogitated out of necessity as knowledge of his true whereabouts would make him a suspect.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News  
Source(s): <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>  
<http://dictionary.reference.com>

## ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

### EIA

#### U.S. Energy Information Administration

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is a principal agency of the U.S. Federal Statistical System responsible for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating energy information to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment. EIA programs cover data on coal, petroleum, natural gas, electric, renewable and nuclear energy. EIA is part of the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 established EIA as the primary federal government authority on energy statistics and analysis, building upon systems and organizations first established in 1974 following the oil market disruption of 1973. Located in Washington, D.C., the EIA had about 370 federal employees and a budget of \$117 million in fiscal year 2015.

The EIA administrator is Adam Sieminski and Howard Gruenspecht is the deputy administrator.



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## APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP "HOTLINE" at 410-306-4673.

Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005

# Winter storm response ‘well orchestrated’

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operational last week. They are truly a part of what keeps APG Strong!”

He added that clear, consistent communication between the emergency support teams and employees, residents, and the local communities was vital to Team APG’s response to the storm.

From the installation’s Emergency Operations Center, personnel coordinated an overarching response to the weather – from tracking weather changes and snow totals, to disseminating closure and delay information to the workforce, and monitoring the progress of snow removal.

According to Rick de Olivera of the garrison’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, the EOC supported the DPW incident commander, supplied the garrison and senior commanders with up-to-date information and coordinated communications between APG organizations.

“Through the conscientious effort of everyone involved, Team APG was able to prepare, respond and recover with stellar performance,” de Olivera said.

More than 100 contractors, and 46 DPW personnel were split across APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood), working non-stop over the course of nearly 72 hours from Jan. 22-25 to remove snow from 170 miles of roadway and 270 acres of parking lots.

And 126 police officers, gate guards, 911 dispatchers, fire fighters and EMTs from the Directorate of Emergency Services clocked more than 3,000 man hours protecting the installation, its residents and the workforce.

Dennis Overbay, the contracting office representative for all snow removal contracts managed by DPW, called the installation’s response to Winter Storm Jonas “the most collaborative, cohesive effort” he has experienced since he arrived in 2004.

“This was the first time I’ve seen either the commander, or the deputy [to the commander] manning the helm at all times,” he said. Garrison Commander Col. James E. Davis or Deputy to the Commander Frank Lands were present at the Emergency Operations Center throughout the EOC’s 73-hour activation.

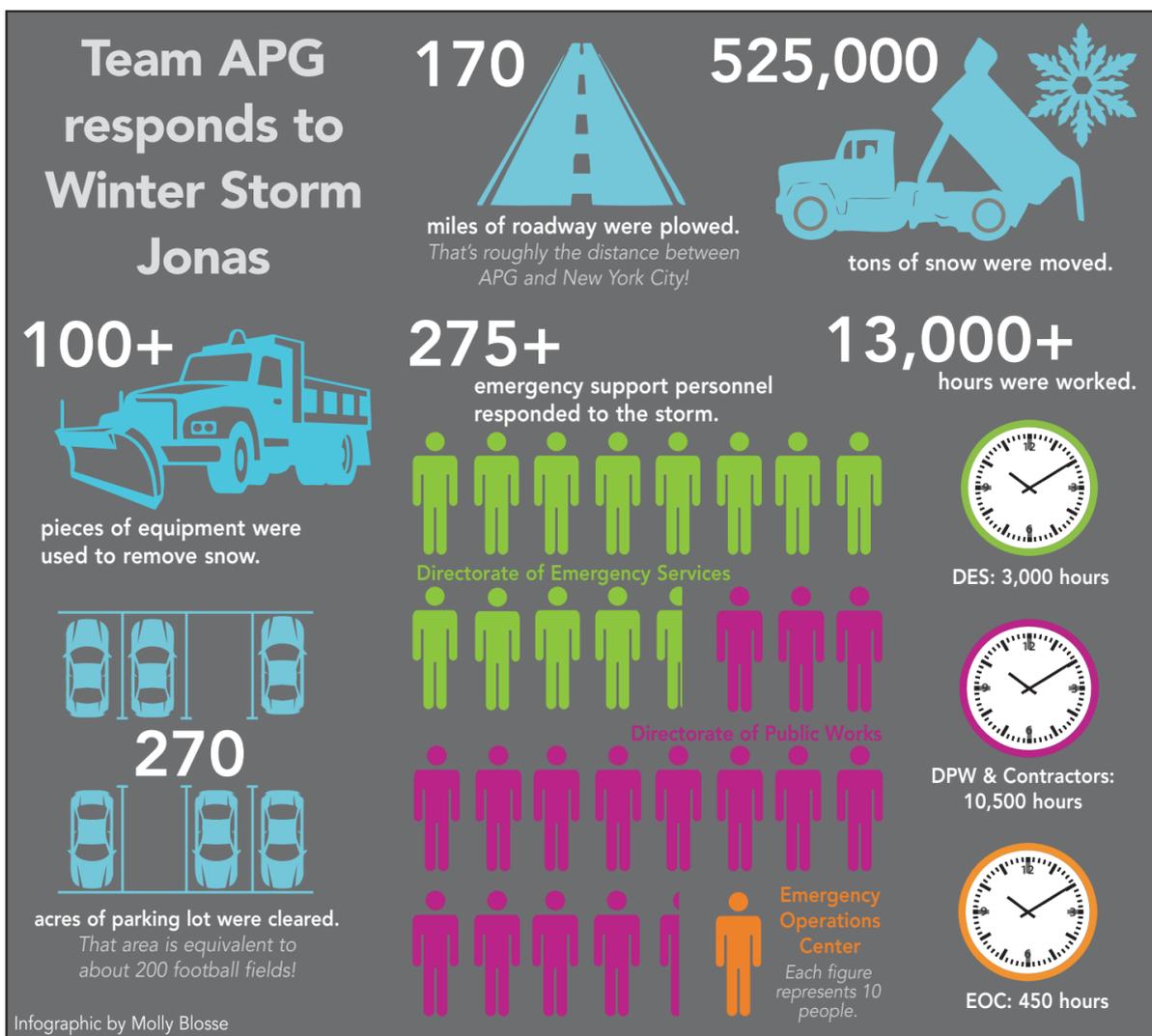
## DPW coordinates snow removal

According to Overbay, DPW personnel focused on main thoroughfares and tier one buildings like Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the Directorate of Emergency Services building, while contractors cleared secondary roads and parking lots. Additional contractors managed through the Army’s Residential Communities Initiative tackled housing areas.

“It was truly a collaborative effort, across the board, from the DPW shops, to contractors, to supervision in the EOC. This was the most cohesive, smooth response I’ve ever seen,” Overbay said. “It was a great few days, even though we didn’t leave.”

DPW personnel and contractors who made up the snow removal teams worked 70+ hours, with few leaving the installation during that time. They were unable to prepare for the storm with their families, or help with the dig-out at home after the snow stopped. Those who stayed, Overbay said, slept on cots when they could.

Shaun Blische, DPW conservation branch chief, helped coordinate the



DPW snow removal teams on APG North during the storm. He highlighted DPW Buildings and Structures personnel who volunteered to augment the team.

“I want to thank my whole team for a job well done – for sticking it out and getting this place back into shape in the time frame we did,” Blische said. “And a special thanks to Maj. Gen. [Bruce] Crawford for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to the shop and give the guys his well wishes before the storm started.”

Members of Blische’s team, and DPW personnel from APG South volunteered, without hesitation according to Overbay, to clear additional acreage after contracted funds to clear parking lots on APG North and APG South ran out on the evening of Jan. 25. Through those efforts, APG was able to reopen Jan. 26 under a four-hour delay and return to normal operating status by Jan. 27.

“If you noticed, our roads were completely clear by Tuesday [Jan. 26],” Overbay said. “Some county roads were still in pretty bad shape at that point.”

According to Blische, DPW personnel had to clear a seven-foot pile of snow in front of the Bayside Child Development Center after snow slid off the roof and onto the sidewalk. In order to reopen the CDC, the snow had to be cleared, partly with machinery and the rest by hand.

Many similar situations took place across the installation, requiring hard labor and dedication to remove snow and bring the installation back to normal operating status. Requests from tenants for additional snow removal assistance continued through Feb. 1.

Rodney Fletcher, DPW conservation

branch chief who helped coordinate the DPW snow removal teams on APG South, echoed sentiments of the cohesive response of the installation.

“Hands down, bar none, this was the most well-orchestrated and organized response [to a snow storm] I’ve seen since I got here,” he said. “Contractors worked hand-in-hand with us [DPW personnel]. It was challenging, but fun.”

Fletcher said many of the DPW employees clearing roads on APG South clocked 100+ consecutive hours on the installation before heading home.

“I’m proud of my shop. We were successful because of each and every one of us.”

## DES maintains security through snow storm

As DPW worked diligently to clear roadways, parking lots and sidewalks of the nearly record-breaking snowfall, DES worked to keep the installation, its residents and emergency personnel safe and secure.

Chief of Police Joel Holdford said “the DES commitment to protecting Aberdeen Proving Ground and its assets continued” throughout the weekend. Members of the DES team patrolled APG North and APG South, watching for power outages, stranded motorists and any number of hazardous conditions threatening to place APG residents at risk.

“Going above and beyond, many police personnel stayed the entire weekend to ensure they were available for their shift,” he said, adding that several police officers labored many additional hours during the storm, with some working 24 hours and others upwards of 40 hours for the betterment of the mission. Others canceled scheduled leave or reported despite regular time off to ensure full staffing during the storm.

According to Assistant Chief David Smith, 68 fire and emergency medical services personnel clocked 1,492 man hours to provide emergency services Jan. 22-24.

“Numerous fire and EMS personnel stayed at the fire stations rather than risk traveling home and not being able to return to work the following day due to the heavy snow,” he said.

Fire and EMS personnel assisted with snow removal around the fire stations, 911 call center, and gates and provided assistance to numerous vehicles stuck in the snow, Smith said.

While the installation was closed due to inclement weather, access control points still had to be manned. According to Chief of Physical Security Sam Seay, six guards worked 68 hours each, from Friday to Monday.

“These personnel, along with other

police officers, stayed at the gate during the storm to ensure that anyone coming on the installation was authorized.”

According to Holdford, all police officers assisted at the access control points [gates], backfilling shortages and relieving the guards as needed.

Seay added that the guard supervisors on duty spent nearly the entire weekend making sure guards and police officers “were given breaks, ensured heaters were operational, coordinated shift replacements as needed, and kept the 715 gate open for snow plow operations to ensure the gate was ready for normal operations.”

All DES employees found refuge from the storm back at the fire department, Holdford said.

“As consolation for the cold and weary there was always a hot meal waiting for DES personnel in the fire department kitchen,” Holdford said. “All personnel took the storm in stride and feel their dedication to service is just another part of who they are and what they do in the emergency services field.”

“DES can be counted on to pull together to get the mission accomplished in a professional and efficient manner.”

Before the storm arrived, the installation’s senior commander took time to visit DPW personnel as they prepared for the impending storm. After the storm, he praised the efforts of all emergency support personnel for a job well done.

“It’s important to not only recognize the selfless service and sacrifices made by these trusted professionals, but by their families as well,” Crawford said. “They deserve every accolade we can give them.”

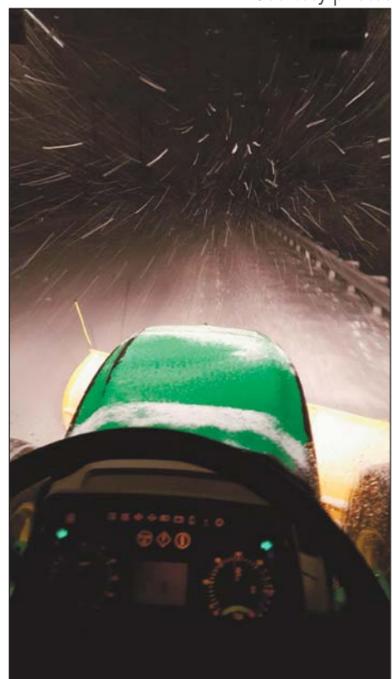
**A snow removal team member captures the view out the front of a tractor on APG South (Edgewood) during the overnight hours Jan. 22-23. Many of the DPW snow removal personnel on APG South each clocked more than 100 hours of work during the response to Winter Storm Jonas.**

Courtesy photos



**DPW snow removal team members work to remove a seven-foot pile of snow at the Bayside Child Development Center on APG North (Aberdeen) after snow dumped by Winter Storm Jonas Jan. 22-23 slid off the center’s roof. The snow had to be removed in order to reopen the center.**

Courtesy Photo



# Lego League encourages, inspires local youth

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always do their best, emphasizing that one day it would pay off.

"At one point, some of the ATEC employees used to be just like you [students]," Karbler said. "They were also interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Look where they are now. They are making sure Soldiers are safe in the field."

Throughout the competition, each team was judged on programming autonomous robots (Robot Match), developing solutions to a problem they had identified (Project), and the FLL core values of teamwork, inspiration, and gracious professionalism.

In the Robot Match, volunteer judges evaluated robots based on mechanical design, creativity, programming, strategy and innovation, and why and how the students built their robots.

Hailey Forrester, a sixth grader with the Electronic Fireflies team, said one of her favorite things about participating in FLL is experiencing the different competitions.

This year's challenge theme was Trash Trek. Students had to choose a piece of trash and identify a problem with the way it is currently being handled; look for problems with the way people make, transport, store, or turn trash into something new; and to find out what is being done to solve the problem.

"Every year the [Project] challenge deals with a real world problem," said Jamie Gurganus, associate director of engineering education initiatives and instructor in mechanical engineering at UMBC. "The importance of FLL is that it is encouraging them [students] to start making connections about what they are doing in the class and with the real world."

"Students are exploring how to clean up

the environment. It's not just what you are seeing with the robots on the field, but they also have a project they research and eventually create a technology that will become community impacting," Gurganus said.

The Bear Minimum Team focused on chemists by comparing the use of plastic bags versus cloth bags at local grocery stores.

The FLL core values are the fundamental elements that distinguish the FIRST Lego League from other programs of its kind. Students learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork.

Nick Saccenti, a seventh grader and Bear Minimum team member, said that this project showed the importance of teamwork, one of the FLL core values each team was judged on.

The following teams will go on to compete at the FLL state championship: Electrobots, the Pink Donuts and K Cup Killers, Crazy Guys Ink, and Super Dragon Lego Launchers.

Karbler extended a special thanks for the cooperation among Harford County Public Schools and St. Margaret School to allow their students to participate despite weather conditions that closed schools the entire week leading up to the event.

For more information about FLL, visit [www.firstlegoleague.org](http://www.firstlegoleague.org).

## Award-winning teams

**1st Place Project:** The Pink Donuts and the K Cup Killers

**1st Place Robot Design:** Super Dragons Lego Launchers

**1st Place Core Values:** Squirrelbots

**1st Place Robot Performance:** Electrobots

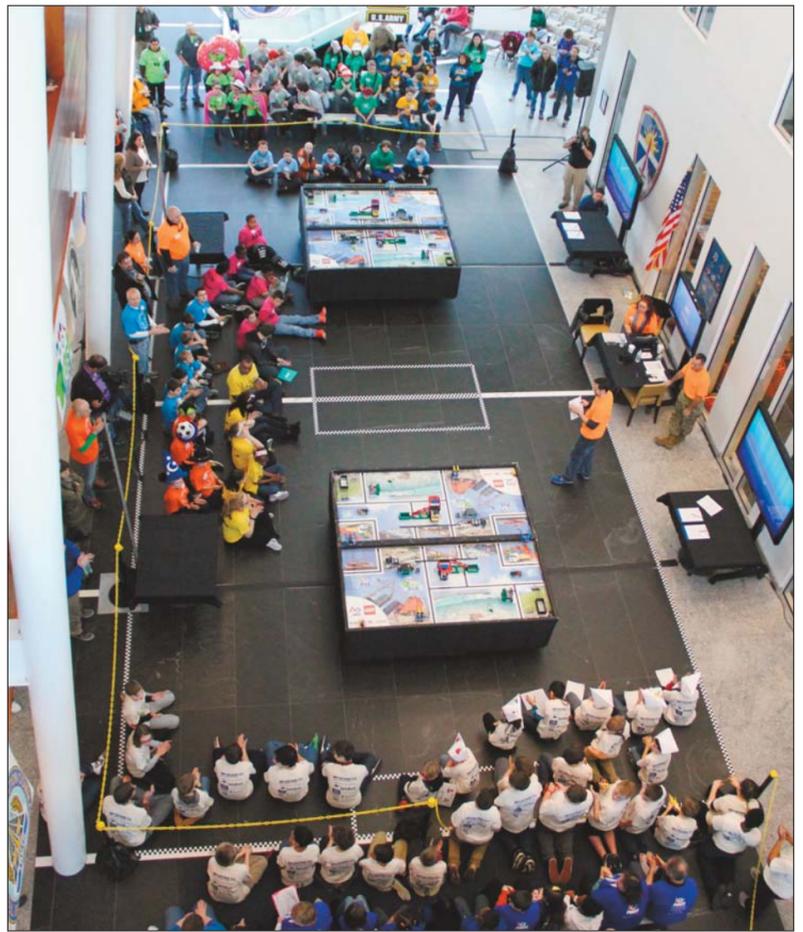


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As seen from a bird's eye view, Christopher Doolittle, master of ceremonies, delivers opening remarks during the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League competition at APG, Jan. 30. The event, hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, marked its fifth year working to get students excited about science and technology and to teach them valuable career, employment and life skills.

# 1st AML receives accolade for Ebola mission



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"This deployment reinforced to our senior leaders and interagency partners the expeditionary capability of 1st AML and the services it can provide to not only com-

batant commanders but also our interagency partners."

American troops who deployed in support of Operation United Assistance, including 1st AML Soldiers, were previously awarded the Armed Forces Service Medal in 2015.

**1st Area Medical Laboratory Soldiers salute during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Jan. 29, in which the unit received the Army Superior Unit Streamer Award. As the Army's only deployable medical laboratory with a mission to analyze and validate health hazards, the unit received the award for actions to halt the Ebola virus in Liberia during Operation United Assistance.**

The 1st AML is the Army's only deployable medical laboratory with a mission to analyze and validate health hazards to protect the force and provide theater-level validation. The unit is part of the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the Defense Department's only multifunctional command that combats global CBRNE hazards.

# Cyber day connects Army, gov't officials, others

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Control, Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T); the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA); and the Program Executive Officer for Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S).

The deputy to the commanding general, U. S. Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER) and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(AL&T)) were represented, bringing together multiple Army Cyber elements from Fort. Belvoir, Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Adelphi, Maryland.

Representatives from U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger's office; the office of Maryland Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti; the Maryland Office of Military Affairs; the Maryland Department of Commerce; the Office of Military and Federal Affairs within the Maryland Department of Commerce; the Harford County Office of Economic Development; the Harford County Chamber of Commerce; representatives from the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor; Women in Defense, Mid-Atlantic Chapter; the APG Army Alliance and members of the Fort Meade Alliance were also in attendance.

## Collaboration & teamwork

"Let's create some collaborations for what we have here and where we need to go. Readiness is the Number One priority for the Army as stated by our Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley. Readiness means we need to prepare our troops, to modernize our folks and to take care of them. All that comes with readiness. There are many facets and aspects of readiness and this installation does a lot of things to accomplish readiness for this nation," Crawford said.

ARCYBER Deputy to the Commanding General Ronald Pontius also stressed collaboration and cooperation in his welcoming remarks.

"The collaboration and partnership between ARCYBER and APG is intense," Pontius said. "ARCYBER is both a partner and a customer to APG. Today is all about a teamwork approach to addressing

military needs. What we can do in terms of partnering to assure the best product for our nation."

The session, occupying a better half of one day, moved from opening remarks and greetings, to breakdowns of the APG Army Cyber mission and the area of Innovative Cyber Acquisition as explained by Col. Joseph Dupont, ASA(AL&T)'s Cyber Focal point in the Pentagon.

"What you must realize is that the Army must be an offensive force in cyber," Dupont said. "The Army has to be able to operate in cyberspace, both offensively and defensively. With PEO C3T and PEO IEW&S here at APG for example, this is a valuable demonstration of how the Army collectively engages in analyzing, developing, acquiring, testing and eventually maintaining all the systems that allow the Army to wage cyber warfare."

The bulk of the late-morning session involved laboratory tours of APG facilities, such as the C4ISR Integration Lab, the Software Assurance Lab, the Information Operations Cyber Lab, and the High Fidelity (Hi-Fi) Lab. Closing remarks and comments were then done over a working lunch with discussions on the path forward focusing on the overall education effort being staged as a total team effort.

Justin Brower, representing Congressman Ruppersberger said the day was eye opening.

"I have never been acutely aware of things APG Cyber as I am today," Brower said. "This was a great forum for establishing situational awareness on what goes on here. Events like these make Mr. Ruppersberger and other public representatives aware of all that happens here and how we can showcase APG's efforts in national security issues. What I have seen here is a lot of hard and necessary work being done by unsung heroes in keeping our nation safe."

Taylor Kasky, representing local Maryland Delegate Lisanti said her day was "extremely interesting."

"This was an incredible event," Kasky said. "This is going to allow me to create personal relationships and most important-



Retired Col. David Lockhart, right, a member of the APG Army Alliance, makes a comment during the introductory session of Team APG Cyber Day, Jan. 27, under the interested eye of Dr. Patrick Baker, U.S. Army Research Lab director.

ly take situational awareness back to Ms. Lisanti who, because of her role on Maryland's Cyber Committee, can then take that back to the state level and assist APG efforts wherever possible."

## Cyber's future at APG

A key component to the future path of cyber at APG is workforce development. As noted by CECOM Deputy to the Commanding General Larry Muzzelo, 35 percent of the current APG workforce is either retirement eligible or will become such in the next three to five years.

"We have to make an investment in our youth right now to cultivate the future and ensure continued success," Muzzelo said. "That success is needed not only here at APG, but across our Army and for our nation. This entire corridor, from Fort Belvoir, through D.C. and Adelphi and Fort Meade, up to APG, has benefitted from having this technology base here and we need to maintain that going forward."

Lisa Swoboda, of the Maryland Office of Military Affairs, seconded a collaborative effort between government, industry and academia as needed.

"We all need to contribute to the effort," she said. "I hope the folks present today got a better understanding of the capabilities

and resourcing needs here at APG to help us be able to promote the work being done here and get a deeper understanding of the cyber spectrum which APG is a central part of in the whole DOD effort."

Karen Holt, of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, said today's tour "kept demonstrating how complex work gets done here, work that rests on a diversity of individuals. It emphasizes the collaborative needs required of all of us to keep APG relevant and vital."

Crawford ended the day, discussing follow-up efforts needed on both an internal and external APG basis.

"This is an unprecedented partnering effort," Crawford said. "The plan should be to take what we have learned here, what we have started here and get that information flowing onward, upward and forward. We need to get organized and then address issues like education and workforce development, cyber operations and incident responses, critical infrastructure and expertise, and of course economic development.

"I look forward to us moving out on those goals."

A follow-up date and future meetings were discussed. Plans are still forming to meet those ends.

# APG SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at the events making news in and around Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



## ALOHA TO APG

The most recent Thursday Social at Top of the Bay, Jan. 28, included a festive Hawaiian theme. Hosted by APG MWR, the event included free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Thursday Socials are open to the entire APG community and upcoming dates can be found at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com). (Clockwise, from top right)

• From left, Michael Bryant and Martin Bobbin relax after work, enjoying food and card games during the social.

• APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford talks about the importance of getting to know one's coworkers.

• From right, Army retiree Orlando Garcia, Winston Worrell of the installation's Legal Office and ECBC's Tracey Biggs savor the large spread of fresh fruits, vegetables and hors d'oeuvres.

• Top of the Bay catering director Dean Piccoli, whips up his own Mai Tai recipe for the Hawaiian themed-event.

• MWR's Angela Scarlato places a lei around the neck of Garrison HHC Commander Capt. Robert "Danny" Allen.

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## MOVIE NIGHT DELIGHTS

Team APG families turn to the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center for a family movie night Jan. 29, featuring "Hotel Transylvania 2." The free event included a make-your-own soup mix activity for children.

Upcoming family movie nights will be announced on the MWR website at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

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